



November 2, 2018

Mr. Jonathan Hardy, Chairman
Permanent Community Impact Fund Board
1385 South State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Via email to Jhardy@utah.gov

Re: Seven Country Infrastructure Coalition, Uinta Basin Rail Line Project

Dear Chairman Hardy and members of the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board,

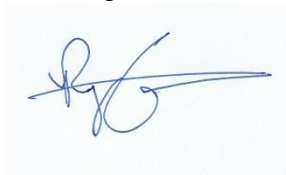
Enefit American Oil (“Enefit”) would like express our support for the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition in their request for funding associated with the Uinta Basin Rail Line project. Enefit has acquired one of the largest tracts of privately-owned oil shale in the United States, and the largest in Utah. Enefit’s resource holdings include private fee land; State leases; and Federal leases, totaling more than 27,000 acres and containing an estimated 2.6 billion barrels of recoverable shale oil. In 2016, Enefit announced 520 million barrels of proven and probable oil reserves, the first oil shale-to-shale oil project in the world to reach this development milestone. Enefit’s Utah project would produce up to 50,000 barrels of oil per day for more than 30 years, bringing as many as 2,000 direct jobs to the region. Enefit has made substantial capital investments in the development of our Utah oil shale project, and the Uinta Basin Rail Line would serve to enhance the progress of the region’s long-term economic growth.

Enefit’s parent company, Eesti Energia AS (known internationally as Enefit), has industrial oil production experience that is unique in the industry, drawing from more than 35 years of commercially operating its patented technology. After decades of research, development, and operations, Enefit has designed and constructed the most efficient oil shale production technology available anywhere in the world. Enefit’s newest generation oil plant came online in 2012 in Estonia, more than doubling the company’s oil production capacity in that country, and Enefit is currently preparing for an investment decision in 2019 on yet another oil plant. Enefit desires to bring its knowledge and experience with oil shale to the Uinta Basin in Utah, to help America meet its domestic energy needs.

The transport of goods and commodities into and out of the Uinta Basin is severely limited by existing infrastructure. The Uinta Basin Rail Line would provide access for oil and gas producers – both conventional and unconventional – to markets outside of the region, increasing competition and raising market prices for the Basin’s high-quality products. Further, the rail line would improve the ability to bring necessary goods and services into the region, particularly heavy industry equipment and materials. The rail line is a vital component to continuing economic growth in rural Utah, and progressing the engineering and permitting of this project is a logical and important next step in its development.

Enefit looks forward to continuing our support of the Seven Country Infrastructure Coalition as they achieve their mission of improving the quality of life in rural Utah through cooperative regional planning, increased economic opportunity and public services, and sustainable implementation. Please feel free to contact me directly at 801.363.0206 or Ryan.Clerico@energia.ee if you have any questions regarding Enefit and our Utah oil shale project.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Clerico', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan Clerico
Head of Development and Environment (Chief Executive Officer beginning January 2019)
Enefit American Oil

Cc: Mike McKee, Executive Director
Seven County Infrastructure Coalition