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Dear Mr. Fauver,

This letter is in response to comments for the proposed rulemaking for Rail Freight Grants.

Comments:

511.3 Eligibility (c) (2)

This item should state capital projects must have a useful life of 20 years or however long the interest bearing period (or life) is of the capital budget bonds that were issued.

511.3 Eligibility (d) & (e)

These two items should state one application per open application period each year. Some years have two open application periods.

511.4 Limits of funding. (a) Approval and appropriation.

This item should be deleted.

511.4 Limits of funding. (d) Rail TAP funding limits (3)

This item should allow for locomotive power as well as other power on track along with non-motorized rolling stock within the 5% funding limits.

511.4 Limits of funding. (d) Rail TAP Funding limits (5)

This item should be changed and state that Rail TAP funding limits for individual projects will be determined annually by the Department.

511.8 Grant selection process and criteria.

Add item (f) There is no appeal process. All decisions are final. The Department will not conduct or offer to have any meetings explaining why projects were not selected for funding.

511.9 Offer and acceptance. (a)

This item or section should mention electronic transmission of correspondence (e-mail). It is up to the grant applicant(s) to make sure that email address(es) are up to date in grant applications and dotGrants.

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