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Re: Peer Review of Operations and Maintenance concepts and procedures

Dear Joe,

From various discussions with yourself and your staff, The California High Speed Rail Authority [Authority] has become aware of the interest of Amtrak in the development of Very-High Speed Rail services in California. We are pleased with these developments.

The Authority has developed Operations and Maintenance concepts and procedures, based on their best knowledge and experience of High Speed systems worldwide. However, we are aware that you and the operators within your organization have a wealth of experience relating to the operations and maintenance of inter-city trains in the USA. Furthermore it is expected that the operations and maintenance of the California High Speed Rail system could be outsourced to third party operators at a later stage of the project, which would make this exercise even more valuable. The Authority therefore requests from you (and in parallel from other suppliers with similar experience, including international HST operators) whether you would be willing and able to conduct a "Peer Review" of our Operations and Maintenance concepts and procedures. This "Peer Review" would entail reviewing and commenting on documentation supplied by the Authority, with the aim to ensure that the operation and maintenance concepts as envisioned by the Authority are logical and feasible and would not result in limitations to the operations if you should possibly operate the system on behalf of the Authority at a later date.

The Authority envisions the following timeline for this review:

- End of September 2010: Submission of the Operations & Maintenance concepts and procedures to yourselves.
- End of November 2010: Return of "Peer Reviewed" documentation to the Authority.

We at the Authority are excited about the prospects of this project nearing its construction start in 2012, with the availability of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act [ARRA] funding. The Authority

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needs to keep the momentum going and remains committed to a very strict time schedule. We would appreciate receiving your comment by end of September, 2010, as to whether you would be in a position to do a "Peer Review" of the Operations and Maintenance documentation.

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Sincerely



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