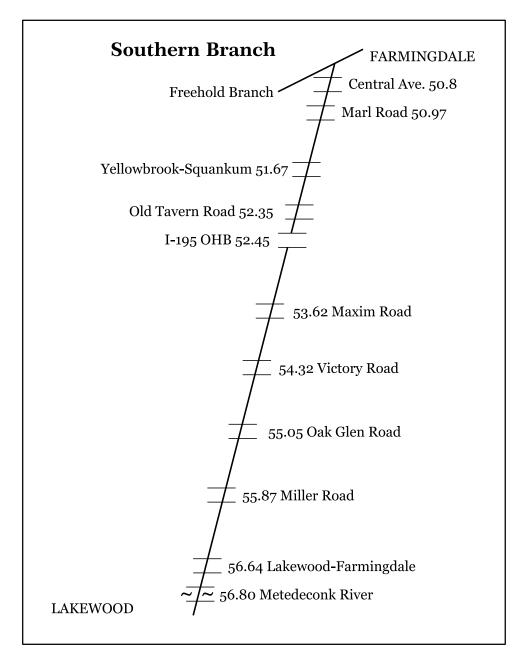


REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS No. 2203 F&S Connection ~ Wood Tie Replacement "Joints & Quarters"

July 18, 2022

INTRODUCTION

The Delaware & Raritan River Railroad seeks proposals from qualified railroad contractors to furnish labor, materials, equipment, supervision, engineering, financing, and administration for wood tie replacement between Farmingdale and Lakewood, NJ.



SCOPE OF PROJECT

This project includes a single scope of work for replacement of **2,500** wood ties, as more fully detailed in **Schedule F**, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

PRE-PROPOSAL INSPECTIONS

Inspection of the project limits **are encouraged** and can be arranged by contacting the undersigned in advance.

QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS

Contractors shall be qualified to submit proposals for this project by providing a resume of recent projects which are similar in scope and nature, along with references from at least three (3) recent customers, preferably railroads.

Any contractor that has performed work for the Railroad in the past five (5) years shall be deemed as pre-qualified.

In addition, proposals shall include specific credentials for any Railroad Bridge Engineering aspect of this project and shall identify sub-contractors if the design work is not done "in-house."

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Delaware & Raritan River Railroad operates over properties owned by Consolidated Rail Corporation and NJ Transit. SPECIAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS for CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS on the DELAWARE & RARITAN RIVER RAILROAD, attached hereto and made part hereof, shall apply to this project.

Upon award of the work, the Contractor shall obtain and maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the project and shall provide certificate proof of insurance, with a minimum thirty (30) day notice of cancellation clause.

Contractors are requested, but not required, to provide certificate proof of insurance with proposals.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

Interested parties shall submit separate, best price proposals for completing the above listed work, by **email**, **no later than 5:00PM on Thursday July 28, 2022** to:

<u>KBurenga@gmail.com</u> JFiorilla@DyerPeterson.com

Also, a hard copy of each proposal, <u>postmarked before the aforementioned deadline</u>, shall be delivered by US Mail or Express Carrier to the law offices of Dyer and Peterson no later than 3:00PM the following business day. <u>Hand delivered proposals will not be accepted.</u>

CAD RFP c/o John Fiorilla Dyer & Peterson, P.C. 605 Main Street, Suite 104 Riverton, New Jersey 08077

All proposal shall include unit pricing. <u>Lump sum proposals will not be considered</u>.

Proposals shall be in the form of the **RFP2203 Project Worksheet**, attached.

Respondents shall include a cover letter with the proposal(s) containing:

- A statement that the Respondent has an approved Drug & Alcohol Control Program on file with the FRA.
- A statement as to whether some or all of Respondent's employees are subject to a collective bargaining agreement.
- Minimum/maximum lead time for procuring materials for each Schedule or Section of work.
- Earliest/latest availability to start each Schedule or Section of work.
- A work schedule for completing the project with respect to the Schedules or Sections, and Track Time provided.
- Any deviation from Project specifications.
- Any significant alternatives that would lower the cost of the project.
- Any mobilization/demobilization savings which would accrue from performing multiple Schedules or Sections of work contiguously.
- The Prohibited Interest language contained herein.
- Reference to this RFP, all revisions and/or addendums and acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein.

The Railroad reserves the right to postpone or delay any of the Schedules or Sections of work, reject any and all proposals for any reason, and shall have the right to modify this RFP with appropriate notice.

The Railroad reserves the right to change any unit quantities in the Schedules or Sections of work by 80% to 150% and Respondents shall consider this when submitting unit pricing.

It is anticipated (but not guaranteed) that each Schedule or Section of work in this RFP will be awarded to a single Contractor.

There is no bid bond required.

The bid opening will not be public.

PROHIBITED INTERESTS

No member, officer, or employee of the Railroad during their tenure with the Railroad or for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof. (This wording shall be included in all Proposals and subsequent Contracts or Agreements.)

MATERIALS

Unless specifically noted, the Railroad is not furnishing any materials as part of this RFP.

BUY AMERICA

All materials used in this project must meet the pertinent requirements of the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C 83.) Contractor shall provide material certification with each invoice.

NEW JERSEY SALES TAX

This project is exempt from New Jersey Sales Tax. The Railroad will provide a ST-4 tax exempt certificate upon request.

PROJECT CALENDAR

The Railroad will endeavor to award this work by **August 4**, **2022** and it is anticipated that this project will be ready to start immediately.

The preponderance of construction and work associated with this project shall be completed before **October 31, 2022**, and all construction work, and cleanup shall be completed no later than **November 23, 2022**.

TRACK TIME

One train runs in each direction between Farmingdale and Lakewood every Tuesday and Friday.

Contractors will be afforded uninterrupted and continuous track time on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for the duration of the project.

Contractors will have to clear for a Southbound train in the mid-morning and a Northbound train in the early afternoon on Tuesday and Friday, but will otherwise be able to work on these days. Track shall be safe for the passage of trains at these times on these days.

FLAGMAN/WATCHMAN

Where a Flagman/Watchman is required for On-Track Protection, the Railroad will provide one at its sole cost and expense.

WORKSITE ACCESS

Primary worksite access shall be from Railroad Avenue at Farmingdale where on-track equipment can be left in the clear. Secondary access to the worksite is available at the public crossings listed in **Schedule F**, subject to conditions and access requirements.

TIMETABLE DIRECTION

All directions contained in this RFP are relative to the Main track of the Railroad which runs from North **(Red Bank)** to South **(Lakehurst)** and might not correlate with true cardinal directions.

TRACK STANDARDS & SPECIFICATIONS

Except as otherwise noted herein, all work and construction shall be in accordance with the **Black River Railroad System Track Standards and Specification 2020** (Revised 03/31/2020), attached hereto and made a part hereof.

ENGINEERING

All benchmarks, distances, offsets, quantities, estimates, and existing conditions are good faith approximations based on historic Railroad information. Interested parties are responsible for confirming any and all information provided herein with field data.

UTILITIES

Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining markout and locating underground utilities before any below grade excavation except for tie replacement.

Contractor shall make note of overhead utilities before construction begins and take any necessary precaution to stay a safe distance from same.

SALVAGE & DISPOSAL

Unless otherwise specified, old ties and timbers shall be properly disposed off site and documentation shall be required when submitting invoices for same.

Unless otherwise specified, old rail and OTM shall be removed from the project site and shall become the property of the Contractor for scrap or salvage disposition.

Notwithstanding other references to salvage and removal of materials, all compromise and insulated joint bars removed from track as part of the project(s) contained in this RFP, shall remain the property of the Railroad and shall be stockpiled on site.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS, attached hereto and made a part hereof shall apply to this project.

This project is funded in whole or in part by New Jersey Department of Transportation and SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS, attached hereto and made a part hereof, shall also apply to this project.

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STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS for ALL PROJECTS

1. Contractor Indemnification

Upon acceptance of a Purchase Order for some or all of the work contained in this Request for Proposal, Contractor releases, discharges, and covenants not to sue, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Railroad, and its officers, trustees, agents and employees, from and against all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, and claims for damages of any kind, including claims arising out of personal injury, death, property damage or other damage or loss, arising or resulting from the work contained herein, including court and attorney's fees in the case a third party files action against the Railroad.

2. RWP/MW Safety

All onsite employees of the Contractor shall complete a Roadway Worker Protection training program approved by the Railroad before they will be permitted on the work site.

3. Random Drug & Alcohol Control Policy

As part of the Proposal, Respondents shall provide a letter from the Federal Railroad Administration stating that the Respondent has an approved Control of Drug and Alcohol Program on file with the FRA.

4. Project Supervisor/Employee-In-Charge

The Contractor shall designate a single Project Supervisor/Employee-in-Charge (Supervisor) to oversee the entire work contained in each Schedule of this RFP. This individual shall be responsible for On-track Protection, and ensure that work is done safely and according to specifications and plans.

Before work commences for any Schedule, the Supervisor shall meet with a representative of the Railroad for an on-site job briefing to review On-track Protection and the scope of work.

Supervisors must have the ability to communicate with the Railroad by email at the beginning or end of each work day.

In the event that the Supervisor shall change during any Schedule, work shall stop until the replacement Supervisor has met with a representative of the Railroad for an on-site job briefing to review On-track Protection and the scope of work.

The Railroad shall deduct **\$2,000** from final payment for each change of Supervisor within any Schedule.

5. Grade Crossings

Contractor shall provide qualified flagmen for moving on-track equipment across or at public and private grade crossings and when unloading/loading equipment at these locations.

6. Monthly Email Invoicing

Chesapeake and Delaware LLC and Black River Railroad System will only process for payment detailed invoices which are sent via email. Invoices for these projects shall be emailed to the undersigned or his designee.

Invoices shall be submitted on a monthly basis, not later than the fifth (5th) business day of the month, for all materials provided/construction performed in the prior calendar month.

Invoices shall be in the same form as the Proposal Worksheet.

7. Guidelines for Invoicing

For the purpose of billing/payment, No. 10 turnouts shall include all of the materials and elements of construction from a point five (5) feet ahead of the Point of Switch (PS) to a point thirty-eight (38) feet beyond the ½" Point of Frog (PF) on both the straight and diverging routes, regardless of rail staggers, joints, or surfacing.

For the purpose of billing/payment, where track construction is quoted in Track Feet (TF), total footage shall be calculated by actual measurement from the centerline of the first tie to the centerline of the last tie, plus 1x the specified tie spacing, and rounded down to the nearest foot, regardless of rail staggers, joints, or surfacing.

For the purpose of billing/payment, where rail is quoted in Track Feet (TF), total footage shall be the actual overall measurement on the shortest string of rail, rounded down to the nearest foot, regardless of rail staggers, joints, or surfacing.

For the purpose of billing/payment, where rail is quoted in Linear Feet (LF), total footage shall be the total of actual overall measurement of each string of rail, rounded down to the nearest foot, regardless of rail staggers, joints, or surfacing.

Billing/payment for Ties and OTM will be based on actual as-built count.

Billing/payment for aggregate will be based on scale tickets.

Billing/payment for a R.L.S.R will be paid on actual track feet surfaced, one-time, regardless of passes.

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<u>Billing/payment for R.L.S.R of turnouts will be paid for each turnout, one-time, regardless of passes.</u>

Billing/payment for Lump Sum (LS) items will be based on LS estimate and paid upon completion of each Schedule of work.

8. Change Orders /Purchase Orders

Please note that the Railroad is undertaking this project with strict budget guidelines and Change Orders are *extremely* unlikely after project Purchase Orders are issued.

SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS for PROJECTS WITH PUBLIC FUNDING

This project is being funded in whole or part by the New Jersey Department of Transportation or other public funds and these additional special terms and conditions shall apply:

9. Bid Opening

The bid opening will not be public. The Railroad will review the proposals, prioritize its choices, and send the proposals to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for approval. Contractors will only be notified of the results, after NJDOT review.

10. Performance Bond

The Contractor shall provide a performance and payment bond upon award of the contract in favor of the Railroad in the amount of 100% of the work awarded.

11. Other Approvals

Contractor shall be responsible for identifying and obtaining any permits or approvals required by governing bodies or regulatory agencies, but shall verify the requirement with the Railroad before obtaining same.

12. State Labor Requirements

Contractors shall be required to comply with State Requirements and the provisions contained in Appendix A, Nondiscrimination; Appendix B, Affirmative Action; Appendix C, New Jersey Department of Transportation Code of Ethics for Vendors; and Appendix D, Americans with Disabilities Act, attached hereto.

<u>Prevailing wage rates, as determined by the New Jersey Department of Labor, will apply to this project.</u>

13. Billing Requirements & Payment

Invoice(s) to the Railroad shall include the details required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, as outlined in the attached memo to the Railroad dated February 28, 2008.

The Contractor shall maintain all financial records and receipts associated with this contract, for a period of three (3) years after final inspection, and shall make these records available to State Inspectors for audit, upon request.

All work shall be subject to final inspection by the Railroad and a representative of New Jersey Department of Transportation.

The Railroad shall pay the Contractor for the project work, in full, within five (5) business days of receiving reimbursement for same from the State of New Jersey.

Please note that the State of New Jersey typically processes and pays invoices in sixty to seventy-five days.

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SPECIAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS For CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS on the DELAWARE & RARITAN RIVER RAILROAD

(Revised 07/04/22)

Contractor shall procure and maintain, at its sole cost, the types of insurance specified below and provide a Certificate of Insurance before any construction begins, which shall be subject to review by the Named Insureds:

		Per Occurrence	Annual Aggregate
Type of Insurance	Applicable	Minimum Limits	Minimum Limits
Commercial General Liability ("CGL")	Yes	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Workers' Compensation	Yes	\$1,000,000	
Commercial Automobile Liability	Yes	\$2,000,000	
Railroad Protective Liability	*	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000
Pollution Legal Liability	No	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000
Product Liability	No	\$10,000,000	
Professional Liability	No	\$10,000,000	
FELA	No	\$20,000,000	\$40,000,000

* Not required when CGL has the 50' RR ROW exclusion removed and noted on certificate.

The following shall be Named Insureds on all insurance coverage specified herein:

Chesapeake and Delaware LLC Delaware and Raritan River Railroad LLC Consolidated Rail Corporation NJ Transit State of New Jersey

Notes to insurance requirements

(1) Commercial General Liability ("CGL") insurance covering liability of Contractor with respect to the Operations to be performed and all obligations assumed by the Contractor. Coverage under this policy shall have limits of liability of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) each occurrence and Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) in the annual aggregate, combined single limit, for bodily injury (including disease or death), personal injury and property damage (including loss of use) liability.

Products-completed operations, ongoing operations, independent contractors, and contractual liability coverages are to be included, with the contractual exclusion related to construction/demolition activity within fifty (50) feet of the railroad deleted and no exclusions for Explosion/Collapse/ Underground (X-C-U) applicable or added.

In addition, the policy shall include an ISO endorsement Form CG 24 17 10 01 or its equivalent providing contractual liability coverage for railroads listed as additional insureds. Coverage for such additional insureds shall be primary and non-contributory with respect to any other insurance

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or self-insurance the additional insureds may carry. Such coverage may be provided by a combination of a primary CGL policy and a following form excess or umbrella liability. The liability policy(ies) shall not include any exclusions for "action over claims" (insured vs. insured).

(2) Workers' Compensation insurance complying with the requirements of the statutes of the jurisdiction(s) in which the Operations will be performed, covering all employees of Contractor with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident or illness shall be included.

If any of the employees are considered Rail Employees, then the policy shall include Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA) Insurance with limits no less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) per claim.

In the event the Operations are to be performed on, over, or adjacent to navigable waterways, a U.S. Longshoremen and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Endorsement and an Outer Continental Lands Act Endorsement are required.

(3) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance providing coverage for all owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles used by Contractor or its subcontractors, with a combined single limit of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000).

Coverage shall include bodily injury (including disease or death), personal injury and property damage (including loss of use) liability and cover damages resulted from loading and unloading activities.

In the event Contractor will be transporting and/or disposing of any hazardous material or waste off of the jobsite, a MCS-90 Endorsement is to be added to this policy and the limits of liability are to be increased to Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) each occurrence.

(4) Railroad Protective Liability Insurance – In the event the Operations include construction or demolition within 50 feet of the railroad right of way, Contractor shall furnish evidence of Railroad Protective Liability Insurance Policy that, with respect to the Operations the Contractor or any of its subcontractors perform with limits not less than \$3,000,000 single limit bodily injury and/or property damage combined, for damages arising out of bodily injuries to or death of all persons in any one occurrence and for damage to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, in any one occurrence. Such insurance shall be furnished with an aggregate of not less than \$6,000,000 for all damages as a result of more than one occurrence.

(5) Umbrella/Excess Liability insurance shall apply in excess of each of the coverages set forth above, which are to be scheduled as underlying insurance. A combination of CGL and Umbrella/Excess Liability policies will be acceptable to meet the limits specifically required.

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(6) When applicable, **Pollution Legal Liability Insurance/Contractors Pollution Liability/Environmental** is required if any hazardous material, handling, transporting, disposing, or performing work or operations with Hazardous Materials, contaminants, waste, toxic materials, or any potential pollutants, or waste is to be transported or disposed off site. Contractor or transporter, as well as the disposal site operator, shall maintain this insurance. Contractor shall designate the disposal site and must provide a certificate of insurance from the disposal facility to Railroad.

(7) When applicable, **Product Liability Insurance** with a limit of not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) for each occurrence, covering bodily injuries and property damage caused by defective products. The policy shall include design defects, manufacturer defects, and marketing defects.

(8) When applicable, **Professional Liability insurance** with a limit of not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) per claim where any Operations involve or include design, architectural, engineering, consulting, or any professional services. If the Operations include software development, systems development, or outsourced systems, the insurance shall include coverage for liability arising from intellectual property infringement, information technology, and software development services. If the Professional Liability insurance is claims-made, the coverage shall remain in place for six (6) years from the expiration of this 2022 Agreement. There shall be no exclusions in coverage for the insured's interest in a Joint Venture or Limited Liability Company or Limited Liability Partnership. There shall be no exclusions in coverage for pollution, mold or asbestos. The policy shall include contractual liability coverage.

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DELAWARE & RARITAN RIVER RAILROAD

F&S Connection SCHEDULE 2203F WOOD TIE REPLACEMENT "JOINTS & QUARTERS"



Typical tie, rail, ballast, and vegetation conditions on the Southern Branch between Farmingdale and Lakewood, NJ.

1. The Schedule 2203F workscope includes the replacement of 2,500 wood ties on the Southern Branch of the Delaware & Raritan River Railroad between Farmingdale and Lakewood, NJ. The purpose of this project is to ensure there is one (1) effective crosstie under each joint and at least one (1) effective crosstie in the middle, more or less, between each joint.

2. The project limits are from the Freehold Branch switch near Academy Street 50.72 in Farmingdale to the Monmouth/Ocean County line at the Metedeconk River Bridge 56.80. The Railroad estimates tie replacement to be at an average rate of 400 ties per mile or 15% overall.

3. Ties shall be replaced as marked by the Railroad in advance of construction.

4. Wood crossties shall be new 7"x9" x 8'-6" Grade 5 hardwoods and be treated according to these specifications:

Overall size of ties shall not be less ¹/₄" of specified dimensions, and shall not have wane exceeding 1" at the rail bearing (tie plate) area.

Ties shall be oak or mixed hardwoods free of any defects that may impair their strength or durability; such as decay, splits, shakes, excessive slope of grains, or numerous holes or knots, bark, wanes, etc.

Ties shall be sterilized during treatment by holding them in 190° - 210° F temperature creosote for at least six hours. This time shall not include creosote filling or emptying, nor temperature adjustments or final vacuum time. Final retentions shall be 8#/CF in oak and 10#/CF for mixed hardwoods.

Except as noted above, all treatment shall be governed by American Wood-Preservers' Association Standards C1, C6, M1, M3, and M4. A 60/40 creosote-coal tar solution conforming to AWPA Standard P-2 shall be used. The solution shall be tested according to AWPA Standard A-1.

Ties shall be end plated.

5. The predominant rail section throughout the project limits is 100#ARA-A, 33-feet in length, having a 5-1/2" base, and toed 6-hole joint bars.

6. Tie plates shall be reused throughout the project, except contractor shall provide and install 5-1/2" double shoulder tie plates to replace any existing plates that are broken, badly bent, or missing.

7. Contractor shall provide and replace any broken joint bars before installing new ties under same. Six (6) new bolts and hardware shall be used in all joints where bars are replaced.

8. Throughout the project limits, where new ties are installed, track shall be gauged to 56-1/2"+/-1/4", using a standard track gauge, with no more than two (2) new spikes per tie plate, in a uniform diagonal pattern. Under no circumstances shall spikes be installed in notches in joint bars.

9. If adjacent ties prevent track from being gauged to 56-1/2" then existing track shall be re-gauged to 56-1/2" before new ties are spiked.

10. New ties shall be evenly spaced between remaining ties.

11. New ties shall be inserted perpendicular to line side rail.

12. Wood ties shall be centered under running rails, by marking ties before installation to line up with outside base of rail on line side. For 8'6" long ties, use these measurements:

Rail base	Tie should extend beyond base of rail		
5"	18-3/4"		
5-1/2"	18-1/2"		
6"	18-1/4"		
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13. Gauge rods immediately adjacent to new ties shall be removed to facilitate tamping. Rail anchors that impede tie replacement shall be removed.

14. Each new tie shall be mechanically tamped to the uniform profile of the existing track and ballast shall be machine regulated into new tie ends to maintain line.

15. At locations where there is inadequate ballast to support new ties, clean 1-1/2" hard rock ballast shall be provided, distributed, tamped, and/or regulated to provide adequate support of new ties.

16. All defective ties removed from this project shall be disposed of off-site and documentation of same shall be provided to the Railroad before final payment is made.

17. All scrap spikes, plates, and other OTM shall be the property of the Contractor at the end of the project and shall be removed from the right-of-way at the end of construction and before final payment is made.

18. Other than approach ties, this project does not include any grade crossing work. For reference, these are the public grade crossings within the project limits:

Central Avenue 50.85 Marl Road 50.97 Yellowstone-Squankum Road 51.67 Old Tavern Road 52.35 Maxim Road 53.62 Victory Road 54.32 Oak Glen Road 55.05 Miller Road 55.87 Alexander Road 56.63 Lakewood-Farmingdale Road 56.64

19. Re-spiking new ties reduces the life expectancy of the tie and reduces its gauge restraining capabilities. Therefore, the Railroad will take the following "quality control" deductions from the unit price of each tie, only after joint inspection with representative of the Contractor. Excess gauge will be measured using a steel rule beyond the gauge face on a standard 56-1/2" track gauge.

For new ties spiked using incorrect tie plates ~ 10% per tie. For new ties spiked with more than 2 spikes per plate ~ 10% per tie. For new ties spiked to a gauge greater than 56-3/4" but less than 57-1/4" ~ 30% per tie. For new ties spiked to a gauge greater than 57-1/4" but less than 57-3/4" ~ 50% per tie. For new ties spiked to a gauge greater than 57-3/4" ~ 90% per tie. For new ties installed more than 2" off center of track ~ 20% per tie. For new ties installed on a skew ~ 50% per tie. For new ties split or broken during installation ~ 50% per tie. For new ties re-spiked for any reason ~ 50% per tie.

Where single shoulder or canted tie plates are installed in the wrong orientation, they must be corrected.

20. It is anticipated that the project will begin at Farmingdale and progress southward through completion. If the project is interrupted or delayed on the part of the Railroad, additional mobilizations will be allowed.

Please note that proper gauging of new wood ties is paramount to the success of this project.

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