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Re: Docket No. AB 1087 (Sub-No. 1), Grenada Railway LLC—Abandonment
Exemption—in Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo and Madison
Counties, Miss.

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Mississippi Transportation Commission is the agency of three elected members in which the State of Mississippi has vested oversight of its transportation resources and operations.

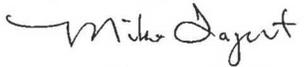
Over the years the central railroad corridor, extending between Memphis, Tennessee, and Jackson, Mississippi, has played an important role in the State's economy. The Grenada Railway LLC has petitioned the Board for authority to abandon the southern portion of that corridor, between Elliott and Canton. The Commission would like to explore all alternatives to the proposed abandonment. The Board's timetable provides insufficient time, for, as we understand it, protests or comments are due to be filed with the Board on or before January 27, 2014.

Rather than expending the time and money preparing an opposition to be filed with the Board, the Commission would prefer working with the Mississippi Legislature and others to see if there is some alternative. The Mississippi Legislature is bicameral, with a House and a Senate, and to arrive at a bill that will be approved by both necessarily is a time consuming process.

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The Commission, therefore, respectfully requests that the Board defer the due date for filing protests or comments until April 28, 2014, in the hope that by then the need for filing protests or comments will have been mooted.

Respectfully,



Tom King

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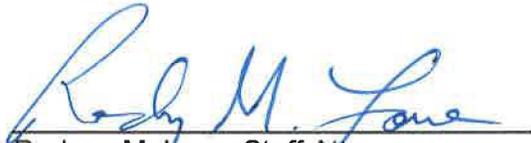
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This the 17th day of January, 2014.



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