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Cynthia T Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Grenada Railway LLC – Abandonment of Railroad Line between Milepost 662.5 and
Milepost 703.8 – Mississippi – STB Docket AB-1087AX

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Dear Mrs. Brown;

In regard to the abandonment of the above referenced railroad line, filed by Grenada Railway, please accept this letter as acknowledgement of my opposition to the application filed.

The abandonment of the line would not only affect people using the rail services now, but would discourage business growth and development in the future. While our company has two yards just north of the line being proposed to be abandoned, it is my concern that eventually due to fewer businesses using the railway, our portion of the line would be also abandoned.

Currently we are shipping railroad ties out of Grenada to Bangor, WI and hardwood pulpwood from Sardis, MS to Courtland, AL. The companies we ship to pay our rail freight as it more economically feasible than paying us to ship by truck with the price of fuel in addition to all of the other trucking expenses. Should we be unable to ship by rail, we could possibly loose our contracts with these companies, as they would be forced to buy these products from someone who could transport them in a less expensive manner. Being located in a rural area should not penalize the opportunities available; we should have adequate transportation services to remain competitive.

Please consider the economic well being of the communities in this area as you make your decision regarding Grenada Railway's Abandonment Application.

Sincerely,



Ricky Fly
President

I, Ricky Fly, mailed a copy of this letter dated 10/21/11 to all parties of record.