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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **STB Finance Docket No. 35530**
Arkansas Midland Railroad Company, Inc. -- Trackage
Rights Exemption -- Caddo Valley Railroad Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

My name is Glen Courtwright. I am Director, Strategic Operations for Georgia-Pacific, LLC ("GP" or "Georgia-Pacific"). GP is one of the world's leading manufacturers of tissue, pulp, paper, packaging, building products and related chemicals. I am responsible for the services provided by railroads to our facilities, rail operations and infrastructure, and Georgia-Pacific's proprietary railcars fleets.

GP, through a wholly owned subsidiary, operates a large sawmill and plywood plant at Gurdon, Arkansas. These facilities manufacture pine plywood and dimensional lumber and employ over 525 full-time employees. The Gurdon complex has a rail siding that connects to the Caddo Valley Railroad ("CVYR"). Since last September, rail service to the Gurdon facility has been provided by the Arkansas Midland Railroad pursuant to an emergency service order issued by this agency. I previously filed a letter on behalf of Georgia-Pacific in the emergency service proceeding (STB Finance Docket No. 35416) that strongly supported Arkansas Midland's efforts to continue service to our facility. We have been extremely pleased with that service, and wish for it to continue.

We have been informed that a sale of the CVYR line that serves our Gurdon facility to Arkansas Midland is imminent, but also that such a sale may not occur prior to the expiration of the current emergency service order on June 14, 2011. We also understand that CVYR has agreed to grant trackage rights to Arkansas Midland that would allow service to our facility to continue after June 14th, but that special STB relief is required for those trackage rights to take effect as of June 15th. We very

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strongly support an expedited effective date for AKMD's trackage rights, and encourage the STB to act quickly on Arkansas Midland's petition seeking that relief.

The continuation of rail service to the Georgia-Pacific complex at Gurdon is of vital necessity and importance. We appreciate the STB's timely attention to assuring that such service is preserved.

Respectfully submitted,



Glen W. Courtwright
Director, Strategic Operations
Georgia-Pacific LLC

cc: Charles Laggan, Arkansas Midland Railroad