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AB 1087 (Sub-No. 1X)
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Re: Docket No. ~~FD 35247~~, *Grenada Railway, LLC -- Acquisition and Operation Exemption -- Illinois Central Railroad Company and Waterloo Railway Company*

Dear Ms. Brown:

The undersigned has received a copy of a letter to the Board from the Mississippi Transportation Commission, dated January 3, 2014, copy attached. I am hereby forwarding a copy of that letter to the Board so that the Board has this expression of position by a unit of Mississippi Government on a timely basis.

Very truly yours,



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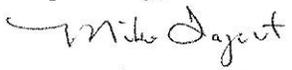
Re: Docket No. AB-1087 (Sub-No. 1x), Grenada Railway LLC – Abandonment
Exemption – in Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo, and Madison Counties,
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Dear Ms. Brown:

Please refer to the Motion for Rejection of Petition for Exemption of
Abandonment filed in the above proceedings in behalf of Robert Riley on
December 27, 2013. Be advised that The Mississippi Transportation Commission
is vitally interested in the preservation of railroads and rail corridors throughout
the State of Mississippi whenever feasible.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the board that this Commission officially
supports exhausting all appropriate avenues of investigation, and due
consideration of all alternatives to abandonment prior to any final action by the
board. This abandonment proceeding was filed after the Commission adjourned
for the Christmas Holidays and as we understand it, a response is due before our
next regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully,



Tom King

Mississippi Transportation Commission