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## CaterParrott Railnet

3825 Aubrey Lane  
Tifton, Georgia 31794

April 20, 2016

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

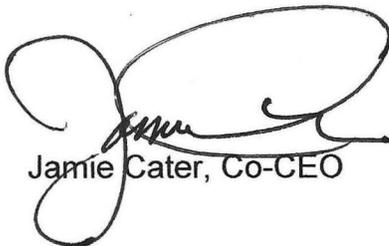
**Re: FD 36026, CaterParrott Railnet, LLC – Lease and Operation Exemption – Rail Line of Central of Georgia Railroad Company in Lamar County and Upson County, Georgia**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed are an original and ten (10) copies of a Verified Notice of Exemption ("Notice") for an exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41, pursuant to which CaterParrott Railnet, LLC ("CPR") would lease and operate the B-Line owned and operated by Central of Georgia Railroad Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Also enclosed, are a caption summary as prescribed by 49 C.F.R. § 1150.44 and an electronic version of the Notice.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1002.2(f)(14)(ii), enclosed is a check for \$1,900.00 covering the applicable filing fee. If there are any questions about this matter, please contact directly, either by telephone (229-251-6804) or by email Christopher Parrott ([chris@cprailnet.com](mailto:chris@cprailnet.com)).

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Cater". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jamie Cater, Co-CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christopher Parrott". The signature is stylized with a large loop and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christopher Parrott, Co-CEO

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**CATERPARROTT RAILNET, LLC  
—LEASE AND OPERATION EXEMPTION—  
RAIL LINE OF CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILROAD COMPANY IN  
LAMAR COUNTY AND UPSON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41, ET SEQ.**

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Chris Parrott  
CaterParrott Railnet, LLC  
3825 Aubrey Lane  
Tifton, GA 31794

*Co-CEO for CaterParrott Railnet, LLC*

Dated: April 20, 2016

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**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41, ET SEQ.**

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CaterParrott Railnet, LLC (“CPR”), a Class III carrier, hereby files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41, et seq., to lease and operate a line of railroad from Central of Georgia Railroad Company (“CGR”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company. The line of railroad extends 17.35 miles from milepost B-234.00 at Barnesville, GA, to milepost B-251.35 at Thomaston, GA, and passes through Lamar County and Upson County, GA (referred to as the “Line”).<sup>1</sup>

In support of this Notice of Exemption, CPR submits the following information as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43:

(a) Full name and address of applicant.

CaterParrott Railnet, LLC  
3825 Aubrey Lane  
Tifton, GA 31794

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<sup>1</sup> CGR previously discontinued service over a segment of the Line, from milepost B-248.10 to milepost B-251.35. *See Central of Georgia R.R. Co. – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Upson County, GA*, AB 290 (Sub-No. 372X) (STB served Nov. 28, 2014). CGR sent the Surface Transportation Board a letter on April 18, 2016, attached as Exhibit D, notifying the Board of its intent to reactivate that segment of the Line and resume its common carrier obligation.

(b) Applicant's Representatives.

Chris Parrott  
CaterParrott Railnet, LLC  
3825 Aubrey Lane  
Tifton, GA 31794  
Phone: (229) 251-6804  
Facsimile: (229) 543-1101  
E-mail: chris@cprailnet.com

(c) Statement that an agreement has been reached or details about when an agreement will be reached.

CGR and CPR have entered into a lease agreement, dated April 12, 2016, under which CPR will lease and operate the Line.

(d) Operator of the property.

CPR will be the operator of the leased Line.

(e) Summary of Proposed Transaction.

(1) The name and address of the railroad transferring operating interests in the subject Property:

Central of Georgia Railroad Company  
Three Commercial Place  
Norfolk, VA 23510

(2) The proposed time schedule for consummation of the transaction:

CPR's lease and operation of the Line is to commence on or after May 20, 2016.

(3) The Mileposts of the subject property, including any branch lines:

CPR will lease and operate CGR's Thomaston District between milepost B-234.00 at Barnesville, GA and milepost B-251.35 at Thomaston, GA, passing through Lamar County and Upson County, GA.

(4) The total route miles being acquired:

Approximately 17.35 route miles.

(f) Map.

A map that clearly indicates the area to be served, including origins, termini, stations, cities, counties, and states is attached as Exhibit A.

(g) Certificate of Compliance with the provisions of 49 CFR 1150.43(g).

Attached as Exhibit B is a certificate affirming that CPR's projected revenues as a result of the transaction will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier so as to require processing under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.45. The projected combined revenues of CPR from existing operations and new operations as a result of this transaction will not exceed \$5 million.

(h) Interchange commitments.

The lease between CPR and CGR does not contain any provision that prohibits, restricts, or would otherwise limit future interchange of traffic with any third-party carrier.

Other Information and Supporting Materials.

A caption summary, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1150.44, is attached as Exhibit C to this notice. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(2)(i), the proposed transaction is exempt from environmental review because the action proposed herein will not exceed any of the thresholds established in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(4) or (5).

In addition, the transaction is exempt from historic review under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(b)(1), because CPR's lease and operation of the Line is for the purpose of continued rail operations. Further STB approval would be required for the parties to abandon service, and there are no plans to dispose or alter properties subject to STB jurisdiction that are 50 years or older. This action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Respectfully submitted,

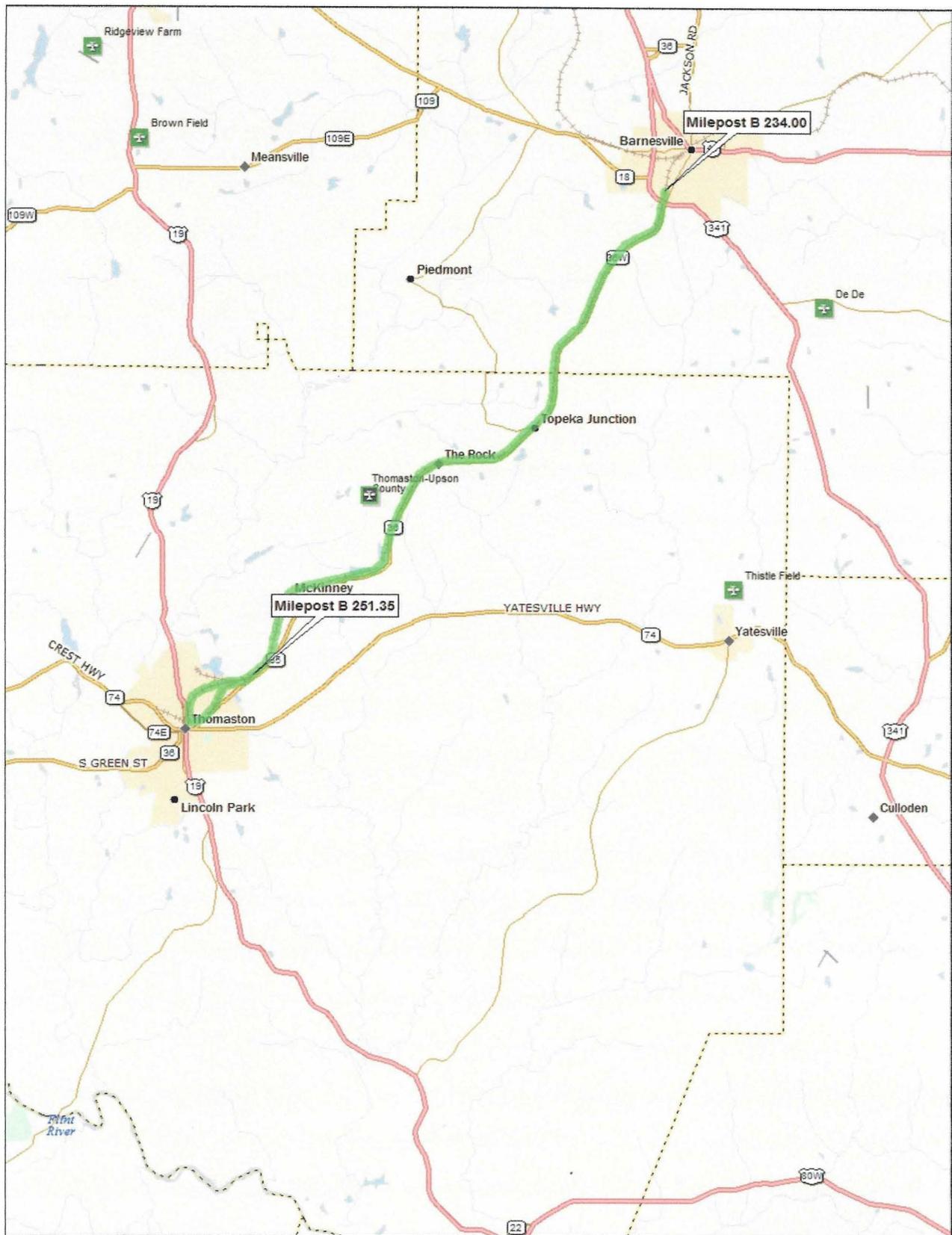


Chris Parrott  
CaterParrott Railnet, LLC  
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*Co-CEO for CaterParrott Railnet, LLC*

Dated: April 20, 2016

# **EXHIBIT A**

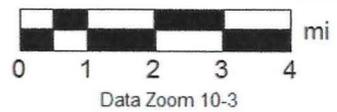


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# **EXHIBIT B**

**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I, Chris Parrott, declare under penalty of perjury that I am the Co-CEO of CaterParrott Railnet, LLC, that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption, know the facts asserted therein, and that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this notice.

I also hereby certify that CPR's projected annual revenues will not as a consequence of this transaction result in CPR becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier so as to require processing of the foregoing notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.45, and that CPR's projected annual revenue for the lines to be operated pursuant to this notice, combined with CPR's projected annual revenue from other operations, do not exceed \$5 million dollars.

  
Chris Parrott  
Co-CEO

Dated: April 20, 2016

# EXHIBIT C

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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CaterParrott Railnet, LLC (“CPR”), an existing Class III railroad common carrier, has filed a Notice of Exemption, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Section 1150.41 et seq., to lease and operate a line of railroad from Central of Georgia Railroad Company (“CGR”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company. The line of railroad extends 17.35 miles from milepost B-234.00 at Barnesville, GA to milepost B-251.35 at Thomaston, GA, and passes through Lamar County and Upson County, GA (referred to as the “Line”).

Comments must be filed with the Board and served on CPR’s representative:

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E-mail: [chris@cprailnet.com](mailto:chris@cprailnet.com)

The notice of exemption is filed under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay effectiveness of the transaction.

Dated:

By the Board.

# **EXHIBIT D**



Norfolk Southern Corporation  
Law Department  
Three Commercial Place  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510-9241

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**Assistant General Attorney**

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April 18, 2016

**VIA E-FILING**

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: *Central of Georgia R.R. Co. – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In  
Upson County, GA, STB Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 372X)*

Dear Ms. Brown:

By notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 1152, part F, filed on November 10, 2014, Central of Georgia Railroad Company (CGR), a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company, sought to discontinue service over an approximately 3.25-mile rail line, extending from extending from milepost B 248.10 to milepost B 251.35, in Upson County, Georgia (the Line). The Board published the notice of exemption on November 28, 2014. The exemption became effective on December 30, 2014.

I am writing on behalf of CGR to inform the Board that it now will reactivate service and its common carrier obligation on the Line. CGA has reached an agreement with CaterParrott Railnet, LLC ("CPR"), for CPR to lease the Line as part of a larger lease extending approximately 17.35 miles from milepost B-234.00 at Barnesville, GA, to milepost B-251.35 at Thomaston, GA. CPR will file separately for authority to lease and operate the line. If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me directly via the contact information above.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett D. Urban