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Via E-Filing

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

RE: Central of Georgia Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In
Newton County, Georgia, AB-290 (Sub-No. 343X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

On July 1, 2013, Central of Georgia Railroad Company (“CGR”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company, filed a notice of exemption (“Notice”) pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights to permit CGR to abandon approximately 14.90 miles of rail line (referred to herein as the “Line”) located in Newton County, Georgia. The Line extends from milepost E-65.80 to milepost E-80.70.

The Board served the Notice on July 19, 2013. Subsequently, Newton County Trail – Path Foundation, Inc. (“Newton Trail”) filed a request for a notice of interim trail use to negotiate with CGR. Those negotiations culminated with the parties providing notification to the Board on September 27, 2016, that an agreement had been reached.

Since that time, CGR has determined that the map attached as Appendix A to the initial Notice inadvertently did not properly depict the precise location of milepost E-65.80. Additionally, parentheticals found on page 2 and page 3 of the Notice refer to milepost E-65.80 as “the point of the Line’s crossing of Route 229 in Newborn, Georgia”. Such references were incorrect.

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Milepost E-65.80 properly corresponds to a point just east of the Ziegler Road crossing west of downtown Newborn, Newton County, Georgia. To be clear, the mileposts listed in the Notice are, and remain, correct. The total length of the line of approximately 14.90 miles is unchanged, as are the zip codes and other relevant information. The only mistake was the location point on the map attached to the Notice and the parenthetical references to milepost E-65.80.

CGR respectfully requests that the Board clarify¹ the parenthetical references to milepost E-65.80 in the Notice filed July 1, 2013, as well as an identical parenthetical reference in the Notice served July 19, 2013. Both should have read: “(a point just east of the Ziegler Road crossing west of downtown Newborn, Newton County, Georgia)”. CGR is also attaching a corrected map to this letter in lieu of the map included as Attachment A to the Notice.²

CGR regrets any inconvenience that this inadvertent error may have caused. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Garrett D. Urban

cc: Parties of Record

¹ In the past, the Board has granted similar requests to clarify mistaken mileposts. See, e.g., Lake State Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption – In Alpena and Presque Isle Counties, MI, AB-534 (Sub-No. 2X) (STB served May 6, 2004).

² Concurrent with this letter, CGR and Newton Trail are also filing a letter to correct their notification filed on September 27, 2016, which attached the same map that had been attached to the Notice.

Corrected Map

Central of Georgia Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - In Newton County, Georgia.
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