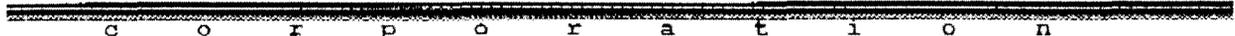


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***Re: FD No. 35691(Notice of Exemption for Continuance in Control)***

Dear Ms. Brown:

In response to the Board's inquiry, please be advised that a Class I rail carrier is not involved in this Notice of Exemption (FD 35691). Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation ("WCRS"), a non-carrier, currently owns and operates Greenville & Western Railway Company, LLC, a Class III rail carrier. This Notice of Exemption, filed pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1180.2(d)(2), pertains to the continuance in control by WCRS of non-carrier, Aiken Railway Company, LLC ("AIKR"). Pursuant to a Notice of Exemption filed in a related proceeding (FD 35665), AIKR's projected revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information (4840 Forest Drive, STE 6B, PMB-295; [marshall.lawson@wcrscorp.com](mailto:marshall.lawson@wcrscorp.com), Tel.: (803)-790-2081).

Yours very truly,

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