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Re: Grenada Railway (GRYR) Abandonment in Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo and Madison counties in Mississippi, STB Docket Number: **AB-1087** (Sub No. OX)

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

This request is filed on behalf of Bike Walk Mississippi which is a public interest bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organization interested in promoting cycling, walking, running and other recreation in Mississippi. Bike Walk Mississippi is hereinafter referred to as 'proponent'.

While not taking a position on the merits of this abandonment, proponent requests issuance of a Public Use Condition as well as a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use rather than an outright abandonment authorization between Grenada and Canton.

A. Public Use Condition

Proponent requests the STB to find that this property is suitable for other public use, specifically trail use, and to place the following conditions on the abandonment:

1. An order prohibiting the carrier from disposing of the corridor, other than the tracks, ties and signal equipment, except of public use on reasonable terms. The justification for this condition is that the corridor would make an excellent recreational trail and conversion of the property to trail use is in

accordance with local plans. The time period sought is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization. Proponent needs this much time because we have not had an opportunity to assemble or to review title information, complete a trail plan or commence negotiations with the carrier.

2. An order barring removal or destruction of potential trail-related structures such as bridges, trestles, culverts and tunnels. The justification for this condition is that these structures have considerable value for recreational trail purposes. The time period requested is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization for the same reason as indicated above.

B. Interim Trail Use

The railroad right-of-way in this proceeding is suitable for railbanking. In addition to the public use conditions sought above, proponent also makes the following request:

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 C.F.R. §1152.29, Bike Walk Mississippi is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of (unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned and operated by Grenada Railway, LLC.

The property, known as the "Rail Line" extends from railroad milepost 662.5 near Grenada, Mississippi to railroad milepost 703.8 near Canton a distance of 81.3 miles in Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo and Madison Counties in Mississippi. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. **AB-1087** (Sub No. OX).

A map depicting the right-of-way is attached.

Bike Walk Mississippi acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Grenada Railway (GRYR), c/o Attorney Fritz R. Kahn, P. C., 1920 N. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class, on October 25th, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Moody

On behalf of: Bike Walk Mississippi

Map

Exhibit A

