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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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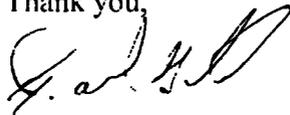
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RE: STB Docket No. AB-1087-X
Grenada Railway LLC
Petition for Abandonment Exemption

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Pickens to oppose the removal of the Grenada railway line. The removal of said line will negatively impact two of Pickens' biggest industries and affect the future growth of the town, as one of the first questions we are asked by potential businesses is concerning the availability of the railroad. As mayor, I can assure you that the removal of the rail line will hamper economic survival of not only Pickens, but also small-town Mississippi.

Thank you,



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**RE: Grenada Railway, LLC—Abandonment of railroad line in Mississippi-
STB Docket AB-1087X**

I, Joel Gill, have served all parties of record listed by first class mail on this date.



Joel Gill, Mayor
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