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Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB-1097, Pickens Railway Company – Abandonment in
Pickens County, South Carolina

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is in response to the joint request for interim trail use and rail banking filed with the Surface Transportation Board in the above-referenced proceeding on September 27, 2012 (the "Request"). The Request was filed by the City of Easley, South Carolina and the City of Pickens, South Carolina (together, the "Cities"), and relates to approximately 8.5 miles of rail line from Pickens, South Carolina to Easley, South Carolina (the "Line").

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(b)(2), Pickens Railway Company hereby replies that it is willing to negotiate an interim trail use and rail banking agreement with the Cities regarding the Line.

Enclosed are 10 copies of this letter. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed acknowledgment copy and returning it to our messenger.

Very truly yours

Rose-Michele Nardi

Enclosures