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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
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**RE: FD 35811, East Broad Top Connecting Railroad - Operation Exemption
- East Broad Top Railroad Preservation Association**

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the East Broad Top Connecting Railroad, the Applicant herein, in connection with a call yesterday from Scott Zimmerman, Esquire, with the Board's staff. Per Mr. Zimmerman's request, the Applicant will be submitting a copy of an executed operating agreement between it and the East Broad Top Railroad Preservation Association within the next several business days. Applicant requests that the Board hold in abeyance the above-captioned verified Notice of Exemption pending the filing of that agreement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Heffner", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

John D. Heffner

Enclosure

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