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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
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July 24, 2015  
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RE: The Kansas City Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—In Jasper  
County, MO and Cherokee County, KS  
Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 9X)  
Notice of Abandonment Consummation of Baxter Springs Branch

Dear Ms. Brown:

The above-referenced abandonment docket encompasses two branch lines previously operated by The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (“KCS”) – the Baxter Springs Branch (from milepost 139.01 L at the connection with the KCS mainline to the end of the line at milepost 148.51 L near Crestline, KS, a distance of 9.50 miles, in Jasper County, MO, and Cherokee County, KS) and the Waco Branch (from milepost W 139.80 at the connection with the KCS main line to the end of the line at milepost W 142.9, in Waco, MO, a distance of 2.69 miles, in Jasper County, MO). Pursuant to a Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) issued June 17, 1997, both branches were rail-banked with Ozark Regional Land Trust (“ORLT”) as the interim trail sponsor.

By decision issued July 22, 2015, the Board granted ORLT’s request to vacate the June 17, 1997 NITU, and issued a replacement NITU applicable only to the Waco Branch. Vacation of the June 17, 1997 NITU removes the Baxter Spring Branch from the rail banking program. Therefore, the July 22, 2015 decision states that “KCS may fully abandon the 9.50-mile Baxter Springs Branch..., and must notify the Board of the date of consummation” within 60 days.

KCS hereby notifies the Board that it has consummated abandonment of the Baxter Springs Branch, effective July 23, 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David C. Reeves".

David C. Reeves

cc: Peter Murrey, Attorney for  
Ozark Regional Land Trust