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Re: **Docket No. 312 (Sub-No.3X) South Carolina Central Railroad  
Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Chesterfield and  
Darlington Counties, SC**

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Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of the **Petition of South Carolina Central Railroad Company to Reopen and extend the consummation date for abandonment** to December 31, 2013. A check in the amount of \$250, representing the appropriate fee for this filing, and a computer disk containing the text of the Petition in Word and pdf format are attached.

One extra copy of the Petition and this letter also are enclosed. I would request that you date-stamp those items to show receipt of this filing and return them to me in the provided envelope. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC (“SCRF”) petitions the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) to reopen this proceeding and extend the consummation filing date until December 31, 2013.

South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC (SCRF) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. Part 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 12.8 miles of rail line beginning at milepost 319.89 +/- (centerline of Burlington Drive road crossing), near Society Hill, and extending in a northerly direction to milepost 332.68 (south line of Market Street), including other legs of wye track extending westerly to milepost 332.48 (east line of U.S. Route 1), in Cheraw, in Chesterfield and Darlington Counties, S.C (the “Line”). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the *Federal Register* on January 6, 2012 (77 Fed. Reg. 835-36) (January 2012 notice). There has been no opposition to the abandonment. The exemption became effective on February 5, 2012.

By decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment (“NITU”) served on February 3, 2012 (February 2012 decision), the proceeding was reopened and a 180-day period was authorized for the Town of Cheraw, S.C. (the “Town”) to negotiate an interim trail use/rail

banking agreement with SCRF for the Line pursuant to the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) (Trails Act). In a decision served on June 21, 2012, at the request of the Town, the NITU was vacated.

After negotiations between the Town and SCRF terminated, the Friends of Cheraw Trail (“Friends”) began discussions with SCRF regarding the possibility of acquiring the Line for interim trail use/rail banking. Those discussions were interrupted during the completion of the acquisition of RailAmerica, Inc., SCRF’s parent, by Genesee and Wyoming, Inc. at the end of 2012 and the beginning of 2013. As a result of the transfer of control, the negotiator for SCRF left the company and negotiations were suspended. Unfortunately, all of this occurred at the end of the period for SCRF to consummate the abandonment.

SCRF and Friends desire to continue to discuss potential trail use. SCRF believes that Friends may file a request for a NITU over the Line. In order to provide Friends with the opportunity to file a request for a NITU and to acquire a trail, SCRF believes that an extension of the consummation date is necessary.

SCRF respectfully requests the Board to reopen this proceeding and extend the consummation filing deadline to December 31, 2013 to allow SCRF to negotiate with Friends.

Respectfully submitted,



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