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VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: ***Pickens Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Pickens County, S.C., STB Docket No. AB-1097X***

Notice of Interim Trails Use Agreement Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(h)

Dear Ms. Brown:

By a Director's Order served in the above-referenced abandonment proceeding on October 26, 2012, the Surface Transportation Board issued a Notice of Interim Trails Use ("NITU")¹ at the request of the City of Pickens, South Carolina and the City of Easley, South Carolina – collectively, the "Cities" – covering an approximately 8.5-mile railroad line (the "Line") located in Pickens County, South Carolina, extending from milepost 0.0 at or near Pickens, South Carolina, to milepost 8.5 at or near Easley, South Carolina.² The Line has been authorized for abandonment under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights) pursuant to a notice served by the Board on September 27, 2012.

The Cities hereby notify the Board that they have reached an agreement with Pickens Railway Company ("PICK" – the abandoning rail carrier) to rail bank the Line in its entirety in keeping with the scope of the Board-issued NITU. Also, the Cities hereby certify that their agreement with PICK includes provisions requiring the Cities to fulfill their responsibilities as trail sponsors as set forth at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(a)(2).

¹ The NITU subsequently was extended by Director's Order served on May 17, 2013.

² A map of the Line is attached hereto.

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This notice of agreement is being filed concurrently with a rail line acquisition notice of exemption in City of Pickens, South Carolina, and City of Easley, South Carolina – Acquisition Exemption – Pickens Railway Company, STB Finance Docket No. 35748, whereby the Cities will acquire PICK's right to reactivate common carrier service over the Line.

The Cities have been authorized to advise the Board that PICK consents to the filing of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this notice of agreement, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



William A. Mullins
Attorney for the Cities of Pickens and
Easley, South Carolina

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

