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Ms Anne Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street S W.  
Washington, D C 20423-0001

**Re: Transit America, LLC - Abandonment Exemption in Buchanan County,  
Missouri, STB Docket No. AB-1019X**

Dear Ms Quinlan

On August 13, 2008, Transit America, LLC ("TA") filed a Petition for Exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 to abandon approximately two (2) miles of the Missouri Branch Line in Buchanan County, Missouri, between approximately milepost 200.4 and milepost 198.4. The line traverses portions of U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 64503 and 64507.

By decision served December 1, 2008, the Board granted the exemption authority to abandon, effective December 31, 2008 and subject to two environmental conditions and standard employee protective conditions. In part, the Board indicated that TA could not file its consummation notice until the section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f was completed. By further decision served January 28, 2009, the Board removed that section 106 historic preservation condition.

This letter is to advise the Board that TA is consummating the abandonment of the subject line as of the date of this letter, pursuant to and as described in the Board's decisions, and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2). Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are attached, and a copy has also been sent to the relevant Missouri state agency.

Sincerely,

Brendon P Fowler  
Counsel for Transit America, LLC

cc Missouri Department of Transportation