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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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**Re: Docket No. AB-1252 (Sub-No. 1X)
Eastern Idaho Railroad, L.L.C. – Abandonment Exemption –
In Bonneville County, Idaho**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On February 24, 2020, Eastern Idaho Railroad, L.L.C. (“EIRR”) filed a notice of exemption (the “Notice”) in the above-captioned proceeding for authority to abandon a railroad line (the “Line”) in Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho, extending between milepost 184.14 (immediately southeast of the grade crossing with Yellowstone Highway) and milepost 184.90 (north of the grade crossing with W. Broadway Street). EIRR explained in the Notice that its abandonment filing was intended to facilitate a potential interim trails use arrangement for the Line with the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho (the “City”).

On March 6, 2020, the City submitted a responsive filing, in which the City appears to have requested that the Board issue both a notice of interim trails use (“NITU”) for the Line pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, and a public use condition (“PUC”) for a period of 180 days pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.28.

EIRR is willing to negotiate with the City for a possible interim trails use arrangement under which the City would serve as trail sponsor for the Line, and, accordingly, EIRR consents to the issuance of an NITU to govern trails use negotiations going forward (assuming, of course, that EIRR’s proposed abandonment of the Line is duly authorized under the applicable class exemption processes). Additionally, given the motivation behind EIRR’s Notice, EIRR does not believe that the requested PUC is necessary, but EIRR nevertheless does not object to such relief for a maximum period of 180 days.

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If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.A. Wimbish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

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Attorney for Eastern Idaho Railroad, L.L.C.

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cc: All Parties of Record