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Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: FD No. 36477, Lake Providence Port Commission—Feeder Line Application—
Line of Delta Southern Railroad Located in East Carroll and Madison Parishes,
Louisiana

Dear Chairman Oberman:

On November 12, 2020, Lake Providence Port Commission (LPPC) filed application, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 10907 and 49 CFR part 1151, to acquire from Delta Southern Railroad Inc. (DSR) a 20-mile rail line between mileposts 471 and 491, together with various ancillary tracks, in East Carroll and Madison Parishes, La. (the Line). Concurrently, LLPC and the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District (SEADD) filed petition seeking consideration and acceptance of LPPC's application prior to submission of evidence regarding the Line's valuation. DSR filed a reply in opposition to the petition on December 2, 2020, stating it would respond to the application, if accepted, in accordance with the procedural schedule as dictated by the Board. The Board has since deviated from said procedural schedule.

As the Board's records reflect, on September 7, 2021, LPPC, SEAEDD, Madison Parish Port Commission (MPPC), and North Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad (NLA) filed a motion requesting the Board to reinstate the procedural schedule in the aforementioned case. We believe that the request is consistent in all respects with the public interest in restoring the entire rail corridor between McGehee, Arkansas and Tallulah, Louisiana. We urge the Board to act on this matter in an expedited fashion.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices should you require more information or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



Eric A. "Rick" Crawford
Member of Congress



Julia Letlow
Member of Congress



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United States Senator



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