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Dear Ms. Brown,

Enclosed is a reply to the NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE by NORTH COAST RAILROAD COMPANY, LLC in AB 1305X.

This is to certify that all parties of record have been served by email today.

/s/ Bruce Silvey

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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

AB 1305X
NORTH COAST RAILROAD AUTHORITY
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION

REPLY: NORTH COAST RAILROAD COMPANY, LLC
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

BY HUMBOLDT TRAILS COUNCIL

Dated: June 3, 2022

NCRCo requests leave from the Board to late file their Notice of Intent to file an OFA in this matter. NCRCo urges the Board to accept their late submission “on the basis that no party will be prejudiced thereby.”

Quite to the contrary, NCRCo’s late filing, if allowed to go forward, resulted in an important loss of opportunity for the substantial opposition to NCRCo’s coal train plans for this line. Senator McGuire expected a Notice of Intent by NCRCo to be filed in a timely fashion, and planned a Town Hall meeting to activate the opposition the following day.

However, NCRCo did not file on 5/31, and reliant on the Board’s strict regulations related to the OFA process, Senator McGuire led more of a celebration with the 2,000 attendees instead of the meeting that was planned. It was believed that NCRCo had changed their plans either due to the extensive opposition from the State, counties, cities, and many non-profit organizations like ours, or they had come to see the reality that it was not financially feasible to build a major railroad up the “mud glacier” of the Eel River canyon as it was recently named by Mike Hart, CEO and founder of Mendocino Railway’s parent company.

Since neither of these have occurred, we hope that the Board will require all participants in this OFA process to adhere to the same rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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