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VIA E-FILING

Chief of Case Administration
Office of the Chief Counsel
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. FD 36447-*Lake Providence Port Commission- Feeder
Application—Line of Delta Southern Railroad in East Carroll and
Madison Parishes, Louisiana*

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

Attached hereto is a letter from The Honorable Susan Bnnett Bourgeois,
Secretary, Louisiana Economic Development for filing in this proceeding in
support of the Lake Providence Port Commission's Extended Feeder Line
Application. A copy of the letter is being served on all parties of record.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Streeter	Michael F. McBride
/s/ Richard H. Streeter	/s/ Michael F. McBride
Counsel for Lake Providence Port Commission	

Jeff Landry
Governor



Susan Bonnett Bourgeois
Secretary

December 19, 2025

The Honorable Patrick Fuchs
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: FD No. 36447, Lake Providence Port Commission - Feeder Line Application

Dear Chairman Fuchs,

On behalf of Louisiana Economic Development (LED), I am writing to express strong support for the Lake Providence Port Commission's application to acquire and rehabilitate The Delta Southern Railroad Line serving the Northeast Louisiana region. This project represents a critical investment in the region's long-term economic competitiveness and its ability to support transformational private-sector development.

Northeast Louisiana stands at a pivotal moment. The region has been selected as the home of Meta's \$10 billion artificial intelligence-optimized data center, one of the largest private investments in Louisiana's history. This generational project is expected to support up to 5,000 construction jobs at peak, create more than 500 permanent positions, and generate over 1,000 additional indirect jobs, delivering lasting economic opportunity for communities across the region. Ensuring reliable, resilient freight infrastructure will be critical to keeping this project on schedule and positioning Northeast Louisiana for sustained growth well beyond the initial construction phase.

Restoring a fully functional rail connection between the Lake Providence Port and the broader freight network presents a timely opportunity to strengthen Northeast Louisiana's transportation infrastructure and economic competitiveness. This investment would enhance supply chain reliability for local businesses and agricultural producers, reduce congestion on parish and state roadways, and improve overall safety and efficiency, while also providing critical support for the construction, operation, and future expansion of the Meta data center, particularly during periods of low Mississippi River levels when alternative transportation options are limited. Beyond Meta, improved rail access would connect the region more effectively to national and global markets, support agricultural exports, strengthen industrial supply chains, and create new opportunities for business growth. As seen across Louisiana, investments in freight infrastructure generate meaningful multiplier effects, attracting private investment, creating indirect jobs, and positioning rural communities for sustained, long-term growth.

For these reasons, LED respectfully urges the Surface Transportation Board to approve the Lake Providence Port Commission's application. This project represents a strategic infrastructure investment that will help secure long-term economic opportunity for Northeast Louisiana, protect the momentum of one of the most significant development projects in the state's history, and ensure that growth, jobs, and innovation continue to take root here at home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Bonnett Bourgeois". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being the most prominent.

Susan Bonnett Bourgeois
Secretary
Louisiana Economic Development

Certificate of Service

I, Richard H. Streeter, do hereby certify that, on January 22, 2026, a true copy of the foregoing with attachment was served on the following Parties of Record, via email:

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