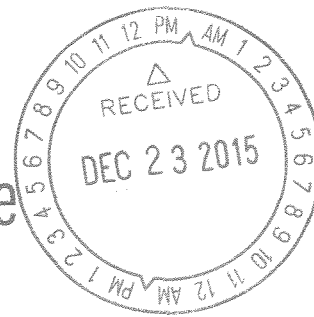




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Re: *Southeast Shortlines, Inc., d/b/a Thermal Belt Railway ("TBRY") and Rutherford Railroad Development Corporation ("RRDC") Abandonment in Rutherford County, STB Docket No. AB-568 (Sub-No. 2X) and STB Docket No. AB-567 (Sub No. 2X)*

To Whom It May Concern:

On December 22, 2015, the Town of Forest City ("Town") filed a letter with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") seeking imposition of a 180-day public use condition and establishment of a Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU") to allow the Town to engage in negotiations with RRDC for a possible trails use arrangement for the subject rail line, which extends approximately 4.97 miles from railroad milepost 175.5 near Alexander Mills, North Carolina, and railroad milepost 180.47, near Spindale, North Carolina, together with a portion of the Bostic Spur which runs from approximately the northern right of way line of U.S. 74 Business a distance of approximately 2,441.4' westerly to a point at or near Rail Milepost SF-407.40 and Rail Valuation Station 5343+22, in Rutherford County, North Carolina. RRDC was served a copy of the aforementioned filing by the Town. RRDC hereby notifies the STB that consistent with the Town's December 22, 2015 filing, they do not object to the issuance of an NITU and are willing to engage in negotiations for a trails use arrangement for the subject rail lines.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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