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FD 36137
AB 290 (Sub-No. 117X)

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Re: Docket No. FD 36137

**City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County, Indiana
Petition for Partial Revocation of Exemption**

Letter of Support of US Rail Holdings, LLC Motion to Vacate NITUS and Reactivate Rail Service

Dear Ms. Brown,

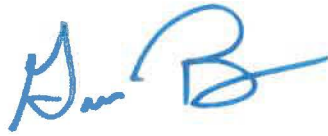
I am writing this letter in support of US Rail Holdings, LLC's ("USR") recent motion to vacate NITUS and reactivate rail service on the 37.56-mile rail line between milepost I-2.13 at Indianapolis and milepost I-39.69 at Tipton, Indiana, commonly referred to as the Nickel Plate Railroad ("the Line").

Our parent company, FirstGroup, is a leading transport operator in the UK and North America. As a subsidiary, First Transit is one of the largest private sector providers of public transit management and contracting in North America. Through First Rail, we've managed to become one of the UK's most experienced rail operators, carrying more than 260m passengers across three franchises and our open access operation. It is our desire to expand this 21st century model of dependable passenger rail connectivity to the United States by partnering with railroad companies who are actively revitalizing and reactivating the U.S. rail network.

As mentioned in USR's filing, we've agreed to work with USR to establish passenger rail service which connects with the Amtrak facility at Union Station in downtown Indianapolis, IN. We are confident that the intent of USR's motion is to perpetuate sound transportation policy and accordingly ask that the Board grant the motion, allowing for rail reactivation along the Line. There is apparent demand for multimodal transportation along this corridor and we seek to be a partner in filling that need.

Thanks for your consideration and we look forward to the Board's decision in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregg Baxter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregg Baxter, Senior Vice President Rail and Emerging Technologies
First Transit, Inc.

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

CITY OF FISHERS, CITY OF	)	
NOBLESVILLE, AND HAMILTON	)	FINANCE DOCKET
COUNTY, INDIANA – PETITION FOR	)	NO. 36137
PARTIAL REVOCATION OF	)	
EXEMPTION	)	
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NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY	)	
COMPANY – ABANDONMENT	)	DOCKET NO. AB-290 (Sub-No. 117X)
EXEMPTION – BETWEEN INDIANAPOLIS	)	
AND TIPTON IN MARION, HAMILTON,	)	
AND TIPTON COUNTIES, IND.	)	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Priscilla Leonard, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **LETTER OF SUPPORT OF US RAIL HOLDINGS, LLC MOTION TO VACATE NITUS AND REACTIVATE RAIL SERVICE** dated April 24, 2019, was sent by email to Petitioners, and U.S. Mail to the all other parties in this proceeding.


Priscilla Leonard