



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

July 9, 2018

Mr. Karl Morell
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Re: Finance Docket No. 36192, Savannah Industrial Railway, LLC – Construction and Operation Exemption – Effingham County, Georgia; Waiver of Six-Month Prefiling Notice

Dear Mr. Morell:

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1105.10(c), we are granting your request of July 3, 2018, for waiver of the six-month prefiling notice generally required for construction projects under 49 CFR 1105.10 (a)(1).

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has met with Savannah Industrial Railway, LLC (SIR) representatives regarding the proposed environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a new rail line in Effingham County, Georgia. At a meeting on January 19, 2018, SIR's representatives provided OEA with an overview of the project and OEA discussed the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) environmental review process.

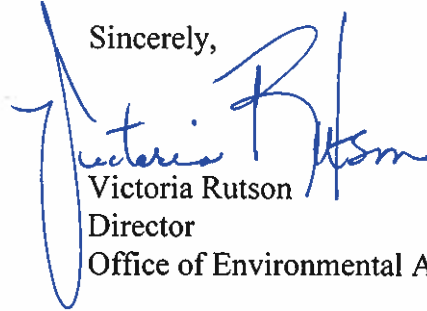
SIR proposes to construct approximately 12,850 feet of track (approximately 2.43 miles) in the Savannah Gateway Industrial Hub, a 2,700-acre rail served industrial park located near the Port of Savannah. Savannah Gateway Industrial Hub offers industrial zoned properties to manufacturers, processors, and distributors who seek direct rail and highway access to the Port of Savannah and major U.S. markets. The newly-constructed track would connect with an existing CSX Transportation, Inc. main line track and cross a Norfolk Southern Railway Company main line track.

The information provided by SIR and the fact that OEA has explained in detail the Board's environmental review process to SIR's representatives lead OEA to believe that it has

adequate information, and that SIR is sufficiently aware of the environmental review process, to grant this request.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me or Kenneth Blodgett of my staff at (202) 245-0305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson", with a large, stylized initial "V" on the left and a large "R" on the right.

Victoria Rutson

Director

Office of Environmental Analysis