

**Abandonment in Pickens County (Docket No. AB-1097X)****Joshua Wayland** to: JuniusSmith

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From: Joshua Wayland/STB
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Dear Mr. Smith,

It was a pleasure speaking with you this afternoon. For your reference, I have attached the Environmental Assessment (EA) that was prepared for the proposed abandonment in Pickens County (Docket No. AB-1097X). The comment period is open until October 17, and any comments you submit before that date will be addressed in the Final EA and will be considered in the final decision on whether this abandonment can proceed. If you decide to submit comments, please send the original signed copy and two photo-copies to the address below:

Case Control Unit
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

You can also file comments electronically on our website by going to www.stb.dot.gov and clicking on the "E-FILING" link.

You should know, however, that while the STB has the jurisdiction to review and regulate railroad abandonments based on their impact to the environment and historical areas, our role in trail-use agreements is very limited. Once an abandonment has been approved, the STB can usually neither impose a trail-use agreement upon unwilling parties, nor prevent parties from entering into one. I recommend that you review our rules on our website or speak with Brian O'Boyle if you need more information on this.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if I can be of any help.

Warm regards,

Josh Wayland

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