



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

April 3, 2017

Jeff McWhorter, President and CEO
Palmetto Railways
540 East Bay Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Re: STB Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways – Petition for Exemption – In Berkeley County, South Carolina; Third-Party Contractor Approval and Disclosure Statement

Dear Mr. McWhorter:

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is approving ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. (ICF) as the independent third-party contractor for the above referenced proceeding, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(d). ICF will assist OEA in preparing the appropriate environmental documentation in connection with the Palmetto Railways' prospective exemption petition to construct a line of railroad in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

We have attached a disclosure statement that you should forward to ICF to complete and return to us. As we previously discussed, OEA will direct, supervise, review and approve all environmental documents prepared by the third-party consultant in this proceeding.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact Diana Wood of my staff at 202-245-0302 or by email at Diana.Wood@stb.gov.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director

Office of Environmental Analysis

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

On behalf of ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc., I certify that ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. has no financial or other interests in the outcome of the prospective petition in STB Finance Docket 36095, Palmetto Railways – Petition for Exemption to construct a rail line in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date _____