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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35607, *Manning Rail, Inc. -- Acquisition and Operation Exemption -- Manning Grain Company*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Applicant Manning Rail, Inc. respectfully requests that the Board hold in abeyance the Notice of Exemption that it filed in this docket on March 8, 2012. This request is necessary to enable Manning Rail, Inc. to more fully investigate the history of the Fairmont-Burruss, NE rail line.

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

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