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Ms. Victoria Rutson, Esq.
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW, Room 1106
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 36192, Savannah Industrial Railway, LLC
-- Rail Construction and Operation -- In Effingham County,
GA

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1105.10(c)(2), Savannah Industrial Railway, LLC ("SIR") hereby requests that the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") waive the six-month prefiling notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. 1105.10(a)(1). SIR intends to file an application under 49 U.S.C. 10901, to construct a rail line in the Savannah Gateway Industrial Hub which is a 2,700 acre rail served master-planned development located near the Port of Savannah.

On January 19, 2018, certain senior members of OmniTRAX Holdings Combined, Inc. (the parent company of SIR): General Counsel, SVP Industrial Development Specialist, VP Industrial Development Specialist and Director of Engineering and Environmental Development, met with you, Kenneth Blodgett, and Katherine Bourdon. The OmniTRAX officials explained the planned construction project. You and Mr. Blodgett explained in detail the construction review process. SIR is of the view that the Board is generally aware of the nature and scope of the construction project and SIR understands the Board's review process.

SIR's rail system will diverge from the existing CSX Transportation Company ("CSX") rail system¹ as follows:

The proposed point of switch ("P.S.") for the turnout

¹ CSX's Florence Division, Columbia Sub-Division.

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diverging from CSX's main track will be located approximately 285 feet south of CSX milepost S483, or approximately milepost S483.05. SIR's proposed initial track lengths will be as follows:

Track No. 1: Station 2+33 to Station 73+16, 7,083 feet (1.34 miles).

Track No. 2: Station 0.00 to Station 30+19, 3,019 feet (0.57 miles).

Track No. 3: Station 0.00 to Station 27+48, 2,748 feet (0.52 miles).

Proposed Track No. 1 will be extended in a southwesterly direction to station 105+00 where it will cross Norfolk Southern Railway's ("NS") main track at milepost SA 16.5, of the NS Coastal Division, S&A Sub-Division.

Under these circumstances, SIR believes that waiver of the prefiling notice requirement would be appropriate.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell