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September 25, 2012



BY HAND DELIVERY

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB-1097, Pickens Railway Company – Abandonment in
Pickens County, South Carolina

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed are 11 copies of a letter Pickens Railway Company (the "Company") received on September 24, 2012, related to the above-referenced proceeding. The letter, from the Office of Stormwater Management of Pickens County, requests that the Company also contact Mr. Tommy Holcombe at the Planning and Development department of the City of Easley. Accordingly, also enclosed are 11 copies of the cover letter the Company is mailing to Mr. Holcombe on September 25, 2012.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed acknowledgment copy and returning it to our messenger.

Very truly yours


Rose-Michele Nardi

Enclosures



COUNTY OF PICKENS

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Office of Stormwater Management



Ms. Rose-Michele Nardi
Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC
1300 19th Street NW 5th floor
Washington, SC 20036-1609

Re: Docket No. AB-1097, Pickens Railway Company – Abandonment in Pickens County, SC

Ms. Nardi:

Thank you for providing information for the above referenced project. I have reviewed the Environmental and Historical Report and accompanying documents for the abandonment by the Pickens Railway Company of the 8.5 miles of rail line in Pickens County. Based on the information provided, it appears the land disturbance from this project will be minimal and will not require a stormwater permit from Pickens County. However, proper best management practices to control the release of sediment from the disturbed area should be installed. Additionally, if any impacts occur to wetlands and/or Waters of the State or if the land disturbance is one acre or greater a permit will be required.

It appears the Railway crosses the municipal boundaries of the Cities of Easley and Pickens. Pickens County administers the Stormwater Program for the City of Pickens, but we do not administer the stormwater program for the City of Easley. Please contact (if you have not already) for guidance:

Mr. Tommy Holcombe
City of Easley
Planning and Development
PO Box 466
Easley, SC 29641

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (864) 898-5789.

Sincerely,

Scottie Ferguson, Storm Water Manager



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BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Tommy Holcombe
City of Easley
Planning and Development
P.O. Box 466
Easley, SC 29641

Re: Pickens Railway Company -- Abandonment in Pickens County,
South Carolina – Docket No. AB-1097

Dear Mr. Holcombe:

On September 7, 2012, Pickens Railway Company (the "Company") filed with Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") a notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903, the section of the ICC Termination Act of 1995 that regulates abandonment of rail lines. The abandonment concerns approximately 8.5 miles of track in South Carolina from approximately railroad milepost 0.0 (at or near Pickens, SC) to approximately railroad milepost 8.5 (at or near Easley, SC), which line is situated wholly in Pickens County, SC. The rail line runs through United States Postal Zip Codes 29671 and 29641.

Pickens is notifying you of this filing because we understand that Pickens County is an MS4 permit holder, and, as such, may have an interest in this project. The following attachments provide more information regarding the project.

Attachment 1 is a letter from Jill C. Stewart, Manager of the Stormwater Permitting Section of the Bureau of Water, at South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control, in which Scottie Ferguson is identified as the contact for Pickens County relating to stormwater management. Attachment 2 is a letter from

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Scottie Ferguson, advising the Company that you are the appropriate contact for the stormwater program for the City of Easley. Attachment 3 is a copy of the Environmental and Historic Report for this project.

Our law firm is the Company's representative in this matter. If you have any questions or comments regarding this project, I can be reached at the address and telephone number listed above on the letterhead.

Very truly yours,



Rose-Michele Nardi