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January 5, 2004



VERNON WILLIAMS
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1925 K STREET NW ROOM 700
WASHINGTON DC 20423

Re: Pine Belt Southern Railroad Company, Inc.
Abandonment Roanoke Junction to Lafayette
Docket No. AB601 Sub1X

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Dear Mr. Williams:

In response to the request for trail use filed on behalf of the governmental agency;
the railroad respectfully submits that it is unwilling to negotiate a trail use agreement.

Sincerely yours,


G. Richard Abernathy
President

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