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By electronic mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-868X, *Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC -- Abandonment Exemption -- in Union, Pontotoc and Chickasaw Counties, MS*

STB Docket No. AB-869X, *Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC -- Discontinuance of Service Exemption -- in Union, Pontotoc and Chickasaw Counties, MS*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Reference is made to a letter to you dated April 30, 2004 in behalf of three Counties in Mississippi, i.e., Pontotoc, Union and Chickasaw, requesting issuance of a Public Use Condition and a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above proceedings.

This is to provide notice to the Board that Joint Petitioners are willing to negotiate with the three Mississippi Counties for railbanking and interim trail use of the involved right-of-way. The Counties seek a 180-day negotiating period from the effective date of the exemption for abandonment. Joint Petitioners instead agree to a 180-day negotiating period from the service date of the Board's decision granting an exemption for abandonment.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Wayne Stokes)
County of Pontotoc) *in behalf of the*
P.O. Box 209) *three Mississippi Counties*
Pontotoc, MS 38863)

cc: All parties of record
Mr. Gregory Cundiff