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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Docket No. AB-883 (Sub-No. 1X), Rocky Mount and Western Railroad Co., Inc.
-- Abandonment -- In Nash County, North Carolina

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 4, 2004, Mr. Scott Beaver, on behalf of the North Carolina Department of Transportation ("NCDOT"), filed a letter with the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") requesting that the deadline for filing an offer of financial assistance ("OFA") in this proceeding be extended until May 8, 2005. On April 5, 2005, Mr. Beaver filed a letter with the Board indicating that Rocky Mount and Western Railroad Co., Inc. ("RM&W") did not object to the extension requested by NCDOT. However, counsel for RM&W did not participate in the communications between NCDOT and RM&W with respect to this matter, and the April 5, 2005, letter was filed without the approval of RM&W's counsel.

RM&W is currently reviewing the request by NCDOT to extend the OFA deadline, and RM&W timely will file any objection with the Board by April 8, 2005.

Very truly yours,

Rose-Michele Weinryb

cc: Scott Beaver, Department of Justice, State of North Carolina (by facsimile)