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RE: STB Docket No. AB-490-1-X
Greenville County Economic Development Corporation
Petition for Exemption for Partial Discontinuance
And Partial Abandonment in Greenville County, SC

Secretary Williams:

Industrial Metal Processing, Inc. (IMP) wishes to protest the proposed abandonment of the rail line that extends from MP O.O in Greenville, SC to MP 11.8, at the northern limits of Travelers Rest, SC, in Greenville County. This protest is being filed within the 45-day requirement.

IMP located on the subject rail line over 40 years ago specifically because the site had rail service. Our facility covers over 15 acres of land, making relocation to another facility a tremendous financial burden. Further, IMP is forced to use trucks as its only mode of transport due to the current lack of service by GCEDC, which raises shipping costs in excess of 200% (truck vs. rail).

In addition to cost increases directly related to the current lack of service, the permanent loss of service resulting from an abandonment would greatly impact future marketability and resale value of our land. It is for these reasons IMP implores the Surface Transportation Board to deny GCEDC's Petition for Exemption for Abandonment.

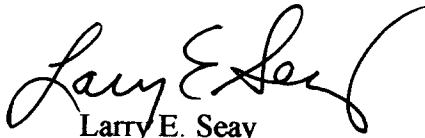
Also, in documents submitted to you by Baker & Miller PLLC (STB File No. 214372, regarding Docket No. 42087), a statement is made representing that Paper Cutters, Inc. is the only shipper remaining on the subject line. Let this letter stand as proof that we along with Paper Cutters, are only two of many on-line rail shippers who can benefit from reinstituted rail service.

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With further regard to STB Docket No. AB-490-1-X, IMP does herein submit its notice of intent to participate and hereby requests to be placed on the Board's service list. All correspondence and/or documentation should be directed to:

Larry E. Seay
VP, Marketing
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry E. Seay", written in black ink.

Larry E. Seay
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I, Larry E. Seay, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading. Executed on August 5, 2005.

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Larry E. Seay
VP, Marketing



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of August 2005, a copy of the foregoing document was served by:

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