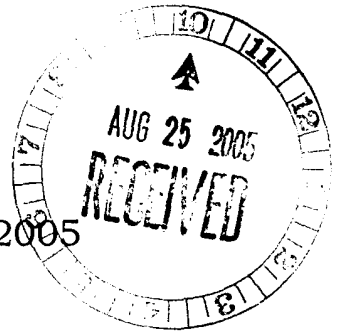


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August 23, 2005



BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Room 711
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: STB Doc. # AB-490 (Sub-No. 1X)
Greenville County, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams:

By letter dated July 26, 2005, Upstate Forever submitted its request for public use condition and trail use/rail banking under 15 C.F.R. Sections 1152.28 and 1152.29 for the railroad described in the above-referenced docket.

A representative of your agency called us yesterday and requested an amendment to our request in order to fully comply with 49 C.F.R. Section 1152.28(2). Accordingly, Upstate Forever respectfully amends its request as follows:

1. The period of time for which the public use condition would be effective is 180 days.
2. This time period is justified on the grounds that up to 180 days will be needed in order to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement with the applicant.

We appreciate the STB's consideration of our original request, as amended by this letter. Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Wyche". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Brad Wyche
Executive Director

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