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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Georgia Great Southern Division, South)
Carolina Central Railroad Co., Inc.)
-- Abandonment and Discontinuance) AB 389 (Sub-No. 1X)
Exemption -- Between Albany and Dawson)
in Terrell, et al. Counties, GA)

Statement of Willingness to Assume
Financial Responsibility

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29, South Georgia Rails to Trails ("SGRT" or "Interim Trail User"), is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of (unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way previously railbanked by Georgia Great Southern Division (GGR), South Carolina Central Railroad Co., in this docket, and concerning which Georgia Southwestern Railroad (GSWR) obtained the right to reactivate service and subsequently sought vacation of the abandonment/railbanking authorization.¹ The property extends from MP 86.5 (at Albany) to MP 77.8 (in Sasser), in Dougherty and Lee Counties, GA a distance of approximately 8.7 miles. The right of way is part of a line authorized for abandonment in Docket AB-389 (Sub-No. 1X).

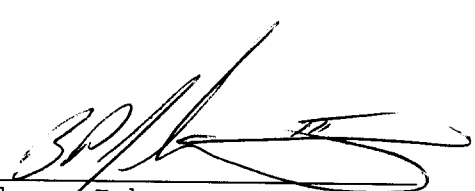
¹ GGR's parent, RailTex, transferred the line to GSWR, a noncarrier RailTex subsidiary during the pendency of initial abandonment/railbanking proceedings. See F.D. 32682 (ICC served April 20, 1995). Thus, GSWR entered into the initial railbanking agreement. Subsequently, South Carolina Central Railroad (SCCR) acquired all GSWR's lines, and leased same back to GSWR. See F.D. 34144 (STB served Jan. 18, 2002). SGRT understands that GSWR obtained the right to reactivate service over the railbanked line. This Board authorized reactivation by vacating the NITU in a decision served May 16, 2003, in AB 389 (Sub-No. 1X), partial reconsideration denied in a decision served Feb. 2, 2004.



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A map depicting the property is attached.

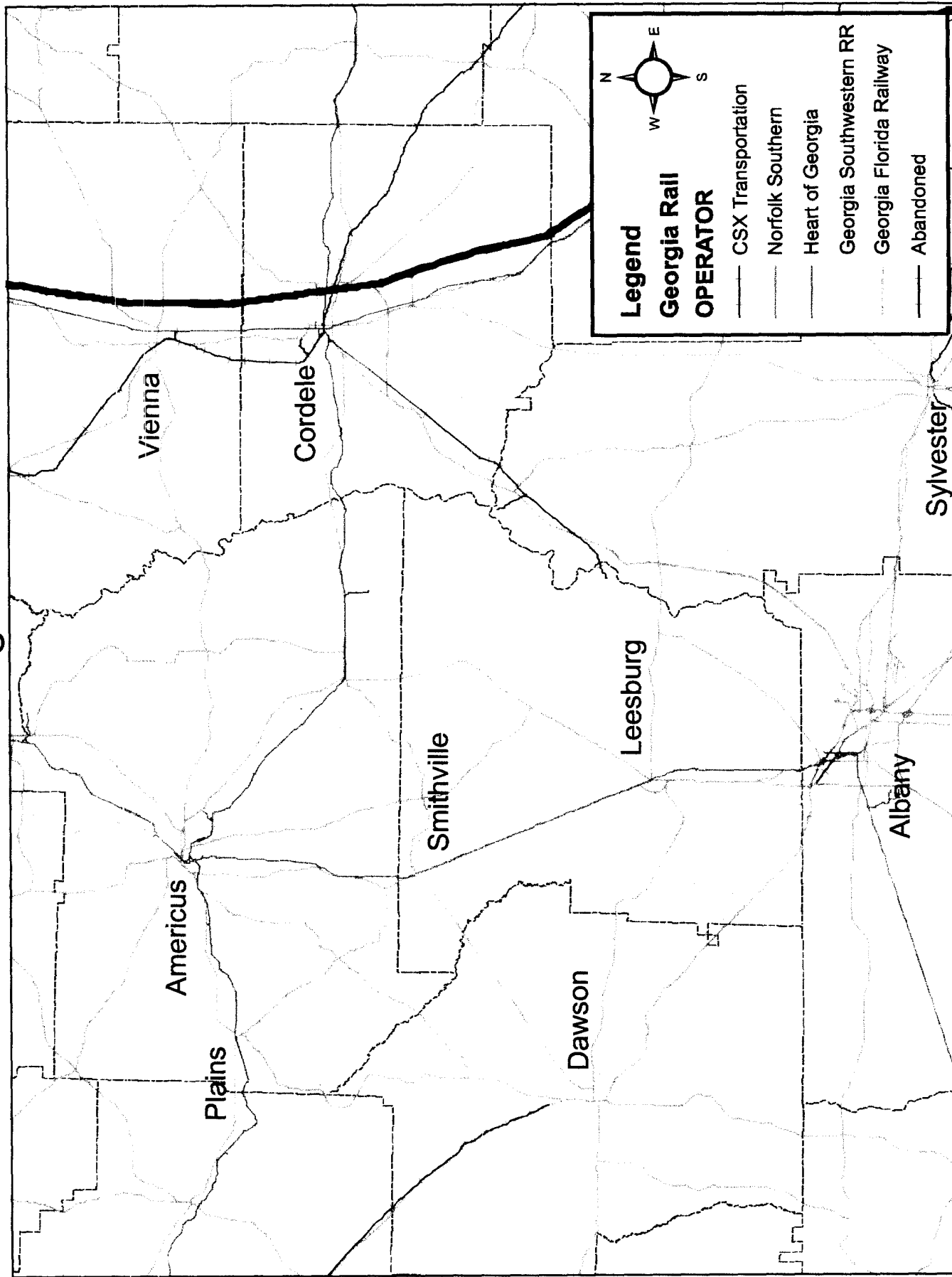
SGRT acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service. A copy of this statement is being served on the railroad (GSRW) on the same date it is being served on the Board.



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