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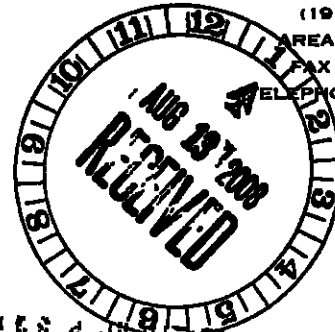
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RE STB Docket No AB-1000 (Sub-No 1X) Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc -
Abandonment Exemption in Harris and Meriwether Counties, Georgia

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

By decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment ("NITU"), served on February 15, 2008, the Board authorized a 180-day period for Harris County, Georgia, a county government, to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement with Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc ("GWSR") for the 43-mile rail line lying in Harris and Meriwether Counties, Georgia authorized for abandonment in this proceeding (the "Line") The negotiating period expired on August 13, 2008

Harris County hereby requests the Board to extend the NITU negotiating period for an additional 180 days for the portion of the Line located in Harris County between milepost R-12.0, at Florida Rock, and milepost R-33.5, at the Harris County-Meriwether County line. Although the negotiating period has expired, GWSR has not consummated the abandonment of the Line and the parties are continuing to negotiate an agreement. The agreement will be consummated and closed in the very near future.

Where, as here, the carrier has not consummated abandonment and the parties are willing to continue trail use negotiations, the Board retains jurisdiction and the NITU negotiating period may be extended.

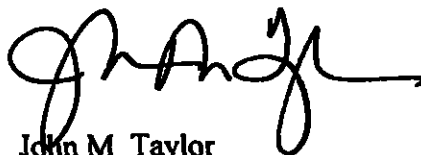
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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Taylor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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