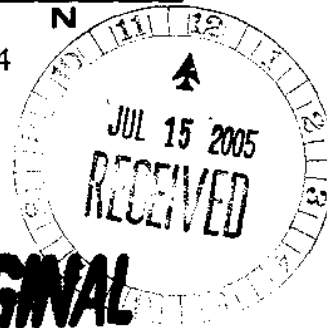


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# WESTERN CAROLINA RAILWAY SERVICE

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Post Office Box 16614, Greenville, South Carolina 29606 - 7614



July 14, 2005

Mr. Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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:

Please find enclosed for filing in 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*, one original and ten copies of Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation's Notice of Intent to File an Offer of Financial Assistance and Notice of Intent to Participate.

Please also find enclosed one additional copy of the notice(s) and this letter. I do hereby request that each of these additional documents be date stamped to indicate receipt of this filing and returned in the provided self-addressed stamped envelope.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steven C. Hawkins'.

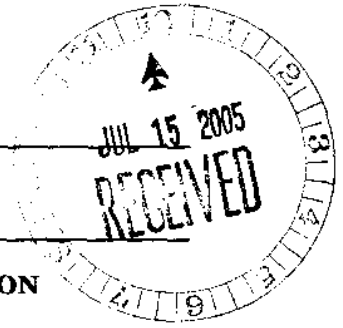
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Cc: William A. Mullins, Attorney for Greenville County Economic Development Corporation

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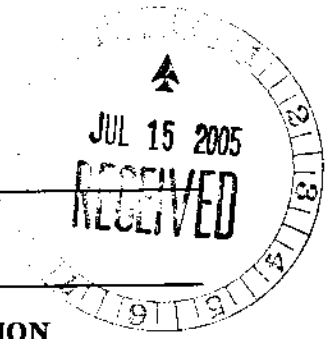
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

Pursuant to 49 USC 10904(c) and 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i), Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation ("WCRS") does hereby express its intention to file an offer of financial assistance ("OFA") to purchase 11.8 miles of rail line, extending from MP 0.0, in Greenville, SC, to MP 11.8, at the northern limits of Travelers Rest, SC, in Greenville County; that portion of STB Docket No. AB-490-1-X, proposed to be abandoned by Greenville County Economic Development Corporation ("GCEDC").

By copy of this notice, WCRS, pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.27(a) does hereby request that GCEDC provide the following to the undersigned:

1. GCEDC's minimum purchase price for the line; and,
2. GCEDC's most recent reports on the physical condition of the line, in its entirety; and,
3. GCEDC's traffic, revenue, and other data necessary to determine the amount of financial assistance that would be required to restore and maintain operations over the line; and,
4. GCEDC's estimate of the net liquidation value of the line, with supporting data, reflecting available real estate appraisals, assessments of the quality and quantity of track material on the line, and removal cost estimates (including the cost of transporting removed materials to point of sale or point of storage for relay use); and,
5. Documentation indicating the extent to which GCEDC has marketable fee title on the line's right-of-way as contrasted to easements or other interests that would revert to others if the

- line were not being used for railroad purposes. Such documentation of title is deemed necessary to determine whether, and to what extent, the line's real estate should be considered for net liquidation value purposes, pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.27(a)(3); and,
6. Current valuation maps for the line, including any deed indices that appear on accompanying maps. Such maps are essential to verification as to the quality of the land included in the sale of the line and are deemed included within the meaning of 49 CFR 1152.27(a)(3); and,
  7. Any other information deemed relevant to appropriate valuation of the line for purposes of acquisition pursuant to an offer of financial assistance.

In view of the accelerated procedures in abandonment exemption proceedings, WCRS does hereby petition the Board to toll the period for submitting offers of financial assistance for an additional 30 days, in order to provide WCRS adequate time to review and analyze the material to be provided by GCEDC and submit an appropriate OFA. Such petition will not prejudice the interests of GCEDC or any other party.

With further regard to STB Docket No. AB-490-1-X, WCRS 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:

Steven C. Hawkins,  
President  
Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation  
Post Office Box 16614  
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Respectfully submitted,



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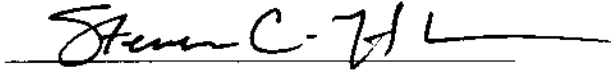
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2005, a copy of the foregoing document was served by:

1. Facsimile to the fax number of record; and,
2. United States Postal Service Express Mail, Parcel No. ED952385941US, postage fully pre-paid, upon:

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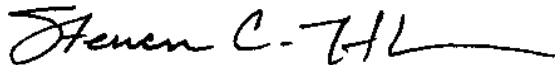
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With consideration given to the accelerated procedures in abandonment exemption proceedings, please advise as to the approximate date the materials and information requested therein are to be provided. I shall anticipate their timely receipt.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerest regards,



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President

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Cc: Vernon A. Williams, Secretary for the Surface Transportation Board