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# City of Chillicothe

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Ms. Christa Dean  
Section on Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Motive Rail -- Discontinuance Exemption,  
AB 993X  
Chillicothe-Brunswick Rail Maintenance Authority  
-- Discontinuance Exemption, AB 1001X

Comment by City of Chillicothe

Dear Ms. Dean:

This letter is on behalf of City of Chillicothe. City owns the railroad corridor in the above proceedings. Neither Motive Rail nor Chillicothe-Brunswick Rail Maintenance Authority own either the rail corridor or the track or ties upon it. Motive Rail will continue to operate on a portion of the corridor. However, assuming the two discontinuances are granted, a portion of the corridor may become available for salvage. While City is not itself regulated by the Board, City does wish all to understand that it would cause any entity salvaging the corridor on its behalf to comply with applicable laws and regulations, and best management practices.

City as owner has requested the Board to issue a Notice of Interim Trail Use for the corridor. Our current intent is to preserve the facility under 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d). Given that intent, we of course would require any salvage contractor to employ best management practices consistent with forming a trail on the premises being salvaged.

Very truly,

  
Todd Rodenberg  
Mayor, City of Chillicothe

cc. Charles Montange  
counsel for Motive Rail and CBR  
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