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Ms. Troy Brady
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

**RE: STB Finance Docket No. _____, U S Rail Corporation,
Designation of Third Party Consultant**

Dear Mr. Brady:

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1105.10(d), U S Rail Corporation ("U S Rail"), seeks approval by the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Assessment ("SEA") to retain an independent third-party consultant to develop the appropriate environmental and historic documentation for the proposed construction and operation of a new rail-served intermodal terminal ("the Brookhaven Rail Terminal" or "BRT") to be located in the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, NY.

A detailed description of the proposed construction project is contained in the accompanying request for waiver of the six months advance notice requirement. The environmental documentation will be submitted in connection with the Petition for Exemption U S Rail intends to file in the next several weeks seeking Board approval to construct and operate this new rail facility.

If the Board grants this request for Designation of a Third Party Consultant, U S Rail proposes to retain Gannett Fleming, Inc. ("Gannett"), as the consultant to develop the necessary environmental and historic documents on behalf of the SEA. The primary contact for the project will be Mr. William M. Plumpton, CEP, Gannett Fleming, Inc., P.O. Box 67100, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7100.

Gannett has substantial experience in matters involving the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act and has been previously approved by the SEA as well as other federal agencies to prepare third-party environmental documents in agency proceedings. Therefore, U S Rail believes that Gannett would be the appropriate third-party consultant and requests your approval to retain Gannett.

Let me know if you have any questions. Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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

John D. Heffner

cc: Ms. Vicki Rutson
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