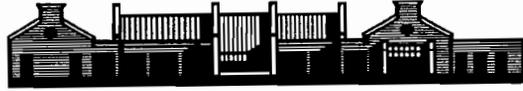


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1000X, *Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – in Barbour County, AL*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Eufaula (“Eufaula”), a governmental entity of the State of Alabama, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.29, expresses its interest in acquiring for interim trail use and rail banking under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), and 49 C.F.R. 1152.29, the right-of-way of Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. (“GSR”) that is the subject of the proceeding in STB Docket No. AB-1000X.

**STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS
TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. 1152.29, Eufaula is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use 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 owned by GSR, identified below.

The property is located between railroad milepost H-334.46, at Eufaula, and milepost H-339.00, near Eufaula, in Barbour County, AL. The right-of-way is the subject of an exemption for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB-1000X.

Eufaula 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.

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A map depicting the right-of-way is attached. The right-of-way to be rail banked and used on an interim basis for a trail is colored in yellow. By my signature below, I certify service upon Karl Morell, Attorney for GSWR by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this March 20 2007.

The \$200 filing fee should be waived inasmuch as the City is exempt from the filing fee as a governmental entity.

Ten copies accompany the original of this request.

Respectfully submitted



On behalf of the City of Eufaula

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