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**Re: Hartwell First United Methodist Church - Adverse Abandonment and
Discontinuance - Hartwell Railroad Company and The Great Walton
Railroad Company, Inc., In Hart County, GA
STB Docket No. AB-1242**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Yesterday The Great Walton Railroad, Company, Inc. ("GWRC")¹ filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the fee waiver previously granted to the Applicant Hartwell First United Methodist Church ("Applicant"). GWRC requests expedited consideration of the Petition. Applicant is not clear as to whether the Petition will be treated under 49 CFR 1115.1(c) in which case a response would be due in 10 days, or under 49 CFR 1115.3 in which case a response would be due in 20 days.

To the extent a response would be due in 10 days, Applicant requests a short extension of time until May 2, 2017, due to the undersigned counsel's previously scheduled time out of the office. Counsel for GWRC does not oppose the request.

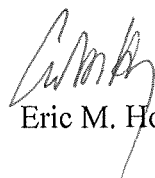
¹ The Petition was also filed on behalf of Hartwell Railroad Company, although the Petition notes that counsel will be filing a motion to dismiss Hartwell Railroad from the proceeding.

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Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric M. Hocky', written over the printed name.

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cc: Richard H. Streeter (via email)