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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company
– Discontinuance of Service Exemption –
in Morehouse Parish, LA
Docket No. AB 1342X

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for e-filing on behalf of the Arkansas & Mississippi Railroad Company is a Notice of Exemption being filed in accordance with 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F.

The filing fee was paid using Pay.gov. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Justin J. Marks
Counsel for Arkansas & Mississippi Railroad
Company

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ARKANSAS LOUISIANA & MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD COMPANY
- DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION -
IN MOREHOUSE PARISH, LA

NOTICE OF EXEMPT DISCONTINUANCE

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Dated: January 27, 2025

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**ARKANSAS LOUISIANA & MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD COMPANY
- DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION -
IN MOREHOUSE PARISH, LA**

NOTICE OF EXEMPT DISCONTINUANCE

Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company (“ALM”), a Class III railroad common carrier, is filing this Notice of Exemption under the Board’s class exemption procedures at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, seeking exemption authority for its discontinuance over an approximate 9.32-mile rail line between milepost 551.25 and milepost 560.57 (the “Subject Line”) in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. The Subject Line traverses through United States Zip Codes 71229 and 71220, and 71221. No stations exist on the line. A map of the Subject Line is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

ALM obtained authority to lease the Subject Line from the Union Pacific Railroad Company (“UPRR”) in 2014 for the purposes of shifting the ALM/UPRR interchange location.¹ At the time that ALM entered into the lease, UPRR was not operating over the Subject Line. The lease expires March 31, 2025 and the parties do not intend to renew it. No local shippers have existed on the Subject Line since before ALM began operating on the Subject Line, and ALM has never provided local service on the Subject Line.

¹ *Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company – Lease and Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment – Union Pacific Railroad Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 35862 (served Dec. 12, 2014).

This Notice of Exemption is being filed pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 1152, subpart F regarding exemptions for out of service rail lines. In accordance with such requirements, ALM provides the following information in support of its request for a discontinuance exemption:

1. The exact name of Applicant is Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company.
2. Applicant is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, chapter 105.
3. ALM seeks to discontinue service on the Subject Line extending between milepost 551.25 and milepost 560.57 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
4. A map of the Subject Line is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
5. The representative of ALM to whom correspondence should be sent is:

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6. The Subject Line to be discontinued traverses through United States ZIP Codes 71229, 71220, and 71221.
7. The notice of exemption presented herein pertains to ALM's proposal to discontinue (and not abandon) common carrier freight operations because ALM's lease with

UPRR is expiring. Accordingly, trail use / rail banking and other public use conditions are not appropriate.²

8. ALM proposes to consummate the discontinuance on or after March 31, 2025.

9. ALM certifies that:

a) No local traffic has moved over the Subject Line since before 2014.

b) No formal complaint by a user of rail service on the Subject Line, or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user, regarding ALM's cessation of service over the Subject Line, either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the last two years.

10. Although no employees of ALM will be affected by the proposed discontinuance, ALM recognizes that its discontinuance of the Subject Line will be made subject to the standard employee protective conditions as set forth in *Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. – Abandonment – Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

11. Because ALM seeks only discontinuance and not abandonment authority, ALM will not be disposing of or altering the Subject Line or any structures that are 50 years old or older. An environmental and historic report is not required for a discontinuance proceeding.³

12. ALM certifies that it published a notice of the proposed discontinuance on January 9, 2025, in the *Ouachita Citizen* in compliance with the legal (newspaper) notice requirements of 49

² See *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In St. Joseph and LaPorte Counties, IN*, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 307X) (served June 18, 2008); *Everett Railroad Company – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Blair County, PA*, STB Docket No. AB-721X (served November 16, 2007); *Columbus and Greenville Railway Company – Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Greenwood, MS*, STB Docket No. AB-297 (Sub-No. 103X) (served July 2, 2007).

³ *Id.* and 49 C.F.R. §1105.6(c) and §1105.8(b).

C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(c) and 1105.12. A copy of the form of notice and certification of publication are attached as Exhibit B.

13. ALM certifies that it has complied with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50(d)(1). A notice dated January 7, 2025, was sent to the required governmental agencies, and a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

For the reasons set forth above, ALM respectfully requests that the Board issue the appropriate notice because the proposed discontinuance of service qualifies for the use of the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F.

Respectfully submitted,



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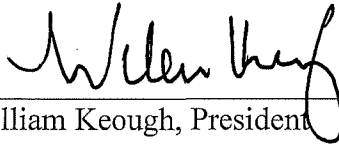
*Counsel for Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi
Railroad Company*

Dated: January 27, 2025

VERIFICATION

I hereby verify on behalf of Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this Verification.

Executed on January 21, 2025



William Keough, President

EXHIBIT A

MAP



ALM Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company
Other Genesee & Wyoming Railroads

EXHIBIT B

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICES

(Continued from Page 8B)

PUBLIC NOTICE - Request for Qualifications and Rates ACCOUNTING SERVICES
The Tensas Parish Police Jury is seeking a qualified ACCOUNTING FIRM to assist with its annual financial audit.
Submittals will include a cover letter, your firm's qualifications pertaining to accounting services, and an itemized rate schedule for the services listed below. (Please limit response to no more than 10-pages).
Submittals must demonstrate experience with internal control over financial reporting, and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. Experience must include relevant experience of the overall Firm and specific experience and names of the full-time personnel that may be working with this contract.
Submittals will include at least three (3) references from work performed

in the State of Louisiana within the last five years in financial auditing services. Reference must include the following information: a) Name of Business (Entity) and contact information; b) Services provided; c) Years of service.
Please submit your Qualifications and Rates to Pauline Doyle, Secretary/Treasurer via email at paulinedoyle@tppj.org no later than 4 pm on January 9, 2025. Questions should also be sent to Pauline Doyle via email.
Tensas Parish reserves the right to reject all of the submittals in response to this Request.
Publish 12.26, 1.2, 1.9 | COST: \$16.25

NOTICE
We are applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Ouachita, at the following address: 307 Wood St., West Monroe, LA 71291.

Corporation name: Southern Flower Exchange, LLC.
DBA: Southern Flower Exchange
Gregory Hudgins, Owner
01/09
NOTICE
We are applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Ouachita, at the following address: 101 Constitution Dr., West Monroe, LA 71291.
Corporation name: Javi Ps LLC
DBA: Javi Ps Fresh Mex
Francisco Aviles, Member
01/09

PUBLIC NOTICES — Morehouse Parish

SHERIFF' SALE
State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court
CSL FINANCIAL, LLC
VS NO. 2024-160
MICHAEL TODD MATTICE AND KIMBERLYN CULP MATTICE
By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFA issued out of the Honorable FOURTH Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of MOREHOUSE in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29, 2025
2017 RIVER BIRCH MOBILE HOME 32 X 80 BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS SRB20524ALA AND SRB20524ALB
Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF FIFA and all costs.
TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITHOUT benefit of appraisalment.
AD: 1-9-25
MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

SHERIFF' SALE
State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court
BIBANK
VS NO. 2021-192
RICHARD E. MATTICE AND KIMBERLY JEAN WHITE MATTICE
By virtue of an AMENDED WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Honorable FOURTH Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of MOREHOUSE in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2025
Tract 1. Lot 3 of Ben Albert Muse Subdivision to Bastrop, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Official Plat Book 2, Page 40 of the records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
Municipal Address: 1218 Guy Avenue, Bastrop, LA 71220
Tract 2. Lots 15 and 16 of Block D of the Albritton Addition as per plat of the said Addition in Plat Book 2, Page 85, of the records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
Municipal Address: 10728 Shelton Road, Bastrop, Louisiana 71220.
Tract 3. From the Northwest corner of Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 5 East, Run South 0 degrees 55 minutes East 488.1 feet to an iron pin and the Point of Beginning; thence continue on same course 220.00 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 66 degrees 36 minutes East to the West right-of-way line of Louisiana Highway 139; thence run North 24 degrees 24 minutes East 200 feet with the West right-of-way line of Louisiana Highway 139; thence run North 66 degrees 33 minutes West 583.8 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning, continuing (containing) 2.47 acres, more or less, and being in and a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of section 12, Township 20 North, Range 5 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, Assessor's plat #20-5-12.1.
Municipal Address: 7959 Old Monroe Road, Bastrop, LA 71220-7570
Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said AMENDED WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.
TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITH benefit of appraisalment.
1ST AD: 12-5-24
2ND AD: 1-9-25
MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

SHERIFF' SALE
State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
VS NO. 2023-416
SHAWN JOHNSON AND SHARI JOHNSON HEIRS OF CHARLES CROSBY JOHNSON A/K/A CHARLES C. JOHNSON A/K/A CHARLES JOHNSON
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Honorable FOURTH Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of MOREHOUSE in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2025
Lot 32 of Gladney's 4th Country Club Addition, as per plat on file and of record in plat book 3, page 18, records of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.
Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.
TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITHOUT benefit of appraisalment.
1ST AD: 12-5-24
2ND AD: 1-9-25
MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution and Louisiana Public Service Commission General Order 7/1/2019 (Docket R-34738), that on December 30, 2024, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service in various parishes throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") an Application ("Application") for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricane Francine.
The Application requests that the LPSC, among other things: (1) find the costs incurred by ELL in restoring serving and repairing its facilities in the wake of Hurricane Francine, totaling \$183,572,459, to be reasonable and necessary and, therefore, eligible for recovery from customers; (2) specify and approve the functionalization of the costs incurred by ELL in responding to Hurricane Francine; (3) as to the distribution-related capital costs incurred by ELL in responding to Hurricane Francine (the "Francine Distribution Capital Costs"), approve ELL's authority to recover those costs pursuant to Section 3.A.1 or, alternatively, through Section 3.C of the Formula Rate Plan Rider Schedule FRP ("Rider FRP"), approve the recovery of the functionalized Francine Distribution Capital Costs pursuant to the terms (except the cap) of the Distribution Recovery Mechanism ("DRM") of Rider FRP, and vote to take up, and approve, at the LPSC's February 2025 Business and Executive Session recovery by ELL of the Francine Distribution Capital Costs through Rider FRP on an interim basis, subject to refund and true-up, with such interim rate adjustment beginning with the first billing cycle for March 2025 and pending such time as the LPSC completes its full prudency review and the LPSC's Order becomes final; (4) authorize ELL to recover carrying costs on the Francine Distribution Capital Costs from the date on which the storm costs were incurred until the date ELL begins recovering its storm costs through rates; (5) as to the operations and maintenance costs incurred by ELL in responding to Hurricane Francine and the referenced carrying costs, affirm ELL is authorized to withdraw \$30,000,000 from ELL's previously funded storm escrow for those costs; and (6) grant such other relief to which ELL shows itself to be entitled.
The estimated bill effect of the costs sought by ELL in the Application for responding to Hurricane Francine is an estimated increase of \$0.80 per month for a residential customer that receives 1,000 kWh of electric service per month, with an annualized typical monthly bill for such a customer increasing from \$127.44 per month to an estimated \$128.24 per month.
For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:
Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157
ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC
Run Date: 1/9/25 | COST: \$32.50
The Morehouse Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, December 09, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at their regular meeting place, McMeans Annex, 125 E. Madison, Bastrop, LA. On a motion made by Norwood Harrison and seconded by Jim Ellingburg, the jury voted unanimously to donate the property of the Whispering Pines Cemetery to the Whispering Pines Cemetery Board. On a motion made by Jim Ellingburg and seconded by Norwood Harrison, the jury voted unanimously to approve the ROV's Marsha Farrar to attend the Annual Louisiana Registrars of Voter's Seminar on February 3, 4, & 5, 2025 at Le Pavillon, Lafayette La. On a motion made by Jim Ellingburg and seconded by Jimmy Laing the jury voted unanimously to award the bid of

\$13,723.98 contingent upon McManus Engineering verifying that the quantity stated in their proposal is sufficient to cover the work, then we'll award to 318 Construction. If it's not, and the extension of the quantities causes it to be done above \$24,200.00, then we'll go with Jackson Builders. On a motion made by Norwood Harrison and seconded by Lucas Crockett, the jury voted unanimously to approve Dupree Tree Services' bid of \$7,350.00 to remove the Snyder Museum's dead trees. The Carriage House repair has been tabled. On a motion made by Lucas Crockett and seconded by Dorothy Thomas, the jury voted unanimously to approve the November minutes and bills. On a motion made by Jim Ellingburg, and seconded Dorothy Thomas, the jury voted unanimously to approve the following: On a motion made by Dorothy Thomas and seconded by Norwood Harrison the jury voted unanimously to introduce an ordinance to authorize the sale of adjudicated property. On a motion made by Norwood Harrison, and seconded by Dorothy Thomas, the meeting was adjourned. {This is a summary of the Draft minutes taken during the month of December 2024. A complete copy of the minutes can be received Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30. p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Office. 125 East Madison Ave, Bastrop La}.
Run Date: 1/9/25 | COST: \$21.25
Public Notice
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Bastrop Planning Commission will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2025 at Bastrop City Hall Court Room regarding a request for a Special Use Permit for the property located at 305 North Washington Street.
Please run:
January 9, 2025, January 16, 2025, January 23, 2025, | COST: \$5.00
Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders: Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of The Mer Rouge State Bank that the annual meeting for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting will be held at the banking house of said bank located at 102 Davenport Avenue, Mer Rouge, Louisiana on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
Publish: 12.19, 12.26, 1.2, 1.9 | COST: \$5.00
NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISCONTINUE RAIL SERVICE
Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company (ALM) issues this notice that on or about January 20, 2025, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board (STB), Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights to permit ALM to discontinue service over approximately 9.32 miles of the line of railroad between milepost 551.25 and milepost 560.57 in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana (the Line). The Line is owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company and has been leased by ALM since 2014. The Line traverses through United States ZIP Codes 71229, 71220, and 71221. The ALM proceeding will be docketed as STB Docket No. AB-1342X.
Because the proposed action entails the discontinuance of service over the Line, rather than abandonment, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6 and 1105.8. Appropriate offers of financial assistance to subsidize rail service can be filed with the STB. Trail use / rail banking and public use condition requests are not appropriate in discontinuance proceedings.
An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as offers of financial assistance to subsidize rail service) must be filed directly with the STB's Section of Administration, Office

of Proceedings, 395 E. Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 [see 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [see 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance may be directed to the STB's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at 202-245-0238. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on ALM's representative: Justin J. Marks, Clark Hill PLC, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Suite 1300 South, Washington, DC 20004; jmarks@clarkhill.com; 202-772-0916.
Run Date: 1-9-2025 | COST: \$21.25
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Board Meeting Schedule (2025)
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MOREHOUSE PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 WILL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE W. A. RODGERS CONFERENCE ROOM AT MOREHOUSE GENERAL HOSPITAL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES (UNLESS ALTERED BY MAJORITY VOTE OR DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES).
January 28, 2025
February 25, 2025
March 25, 2025
April 22, 2025
May 27, 2025
June 24, 2025
July 22, 2025
August 26, 2025
September 23, 2025
October 28, 2025
December 02, 2025
ANYONE HAVING AN ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OR DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHOULD NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING AND SHOULD INDICATE THE TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED. CITIZENS MAY ALSO BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
Elmore Patterson
ELMORE PATTERSON, SECRETARY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Elmore Patterson, CEO
Run Date: 1-9-2025 | COST: \$30.00

The Ouachita Citizen Public Notices

NEW DEADLINE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

Public Notices may be submitted to news@ouachitacitizen.com.

Deadline is 12 p.m., Noon, Monday preceding publication.

For more information, call 396-0602. E-mailed public notices will be confirmed via e-mail.

EXHIBIT C

10-DAY NOTICES



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January 7, 2025

U.S. Department of the Interior -
National Park Service
RTCA Program
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Office of Chief of Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-1111

United States Department of the Army
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution
Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
ATTN: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National Defense)
1 Soldier Way, Building 1900W
Scott AFB, IL 62225

Louisiana Dept. of Transportation and
Development
Office of Multimodal Commerce
Dean Goodell, Freight and Passenger Rail
Director
Dean.goodell@la.gov

Re: Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company
– Discontinuance of Service Exemption –
in Morehouse Parish, LA
Docket No. AB 1342X

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is being sent to you pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50(d), to advise you that Arkansas & Mississippi Railroad Company ("ALM") plans to seek authorization from the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") to discontinue service over the line of railroad described below, by filing a notice of exemption pursuant to the class exemption provisions of 49 CFR § 1152.50 in the above-referenced STB docket. ALM expects to file the notice of exemption with the STB on or about January 20, 2025.

ALM will invoke the STB's class exemption procedures to discontinue service of the line of railroad milepost 551.25 and milepost 560.57, a distance of approximately 9.32 miles in Morehouse Parish, LA (the "Line"). The Line is owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company and has been leased by ALM since 2014. The Line has no local shippers and ALM has never used the Line to provide local rail service. The Line traverses through United States Zip Code 71229, 71220, and 71221. A map of the Line is enclosed with this letter.

Because this proceeding would involve the discontinuance of common carrier service and not abandonment of the Line, ALM understands that the question of whether the Line contains federally granted rights-of-way is inapplicable. However, if the issue becomes relevant,

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any documentation in ALM's possession related to federally granted rights-of-way will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

Since ALM is not the owner of the Line, ALM will not salvage any track along the Line as a result of this discontinuance and ALM does not believe that the Line would be suitable at this time for alternative public use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin J. Marks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Justin" and last name "Marks" clearly legible.

Justin J. Marks
Counsel for Arkansas & Mississippi Railroad
Company

Enclosure



ALM Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Company
Other Genesee & Wyoming Railroads

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date a copy of the foregoing Notice for Exempt Discontinuance was served on the persons shown on the following list by email and/or first-class mail, postage prepaid.

U.S. Department of the Interior -
National Park Service
RTCA Program
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

United States Department of the Army
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution
Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
ATTN: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National
Defense)
1 Soldier Way, Building 1900W
Scott AFB, IL 62225

Office of Chief of Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-1111

Louisiana Dept. of Transportation and
Development
Office of Multimodal Commerce
Dean Goodell, Freight and Passenger Rail
Director
Dean.goodell@la.gov



Justin J. Marks

Dated: January 27, 2025