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VIA E-FILING

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

**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:

By letter and Notice of Intent filed with the board on November 10, 2016, Hartwell First United Methodist Church ("Applicant") provided notice of its intent to file an adverse abandonment application in the above-referenced proceeding on or about December 9, 2016. Applicant is filing this letter to inform the Board, as well as all other parties that were served with a copy of the Notice of Intent, that the Applicant has decided to delay the filing of its adverse abandonment proceeding. Applicant decision is due to ongoing litigation between the Applicant and Hartwell Railroad Company and The Great Walton Railroad Company, Inc. regarding title to property adjacent to the rail line on which the railroads have recently constructed a spur track without authority.

Applicant intends to file and serve a new Notice of Intent pursuant to 49 CFR 1152(a)(2), and to publish the new Notice of Intent pursuant to 49 CFR 1152(a)(4), when Applicant is ready to proceed.

Since the Applicant still plans to proceed with its application, the Applicant's outstanding fee waiver request should still be decided by the Office of Proceedings.

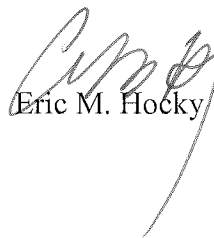
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A copy of this letter is being sent by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to all parties that received a copy of the Notice of Intent as required under 49 CFR 1152(a)(2) as shown on the attached service list.

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

Respectfully,

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cc: All Persons Shown on Attached List

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Service List for Notice of Intent:

Governor Nathan Deal
Office of the Governor
State of Georgia
206 Washington Street
111 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Quality Holdings LLC
300 Fisher Drive
Hartwell, GA. 30643

Georgia Department of Transportation
One Georgia Center
600 W. Peachtree, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

Georgia Department of Transportation
District One
Brent Cook, District Engineer
2505 Athens Highway, SE
Gainesville, GA 30507

UGA Cooperative Extension – Hart County
200 Arthur Street
Hartwell, GA 30643

US Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Headquarters
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
ATTN: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National Defense)
709 Ward Drive, Building 1990
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National Park Service
1849 C. Street, NW
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U.S. Railroad Retirement Board
844 North Rush Street
Chicago IL, 60611-2092

Tom Tidwell, Chief
U.S. Forest Service
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-0003

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