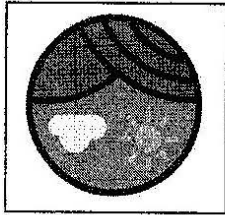


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**GREEN INTERFAITH
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Date: March 2, 2026

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1189X)

**CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE FOR PUBLIC USE ACQUISITION
PURSUANT TO 49 U.S.C. § 10905**

Green Interfaith Environmental Organization (“GIEO”), a nonprofit corporation, hereby provides formal notice to the Surface Transportation Board (“Board”) and to Consolidated Rail Corporation (“Conrail”) of its intent to negotiate for acquisition of the Harsimus Branch right-of-way (Milepost 0.00 to 1.36) pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10905 and Ordering Paragraph 3 of the Board’s Decision served February 27, 2026.

I. BACKGROUND

In its February 27, 2026 Decision, the Board made effective the previously issued abandonment exemption and imposed a 180-day Public Use Condition requiring that Conrail keep the right-of-way intact and refrain from disposal pending potential public use acquisition negotiations.

GIEO submits this Notice within that 180-day period.

II. INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

GIEO hereby states its intent to enter into good-faith negotiations with Conrail for the acquisition of the Harsimus Branch right-of-way for public use.

GIEO’s proposed use is the development of an Environmental Biotechnology Institute and related environmental infrastructure initiatives designed to:

- Preserve the integrity of the corridor;
- Maintain the right-of-way in an intact and non-fragmented condition;

- Support environmental remediation and green infrastructure objectives; and
- Ensure compatibility with potential future restoration of rail or other transportation use.

III. CORRIDOR PRESERVATION AND TRANSPORTATION COMPATIBILITY

GIEO recognizes the historic and transportation significance of the Harsimus Branch corridor. Any development undertaken by GIEO will be structured to preserve the linear continuity of the right-of-way and to avoid actions that would preclude future transportation reactivation.

ARE Railroad Corporation ("RRR"), an affiliated infrastructure entity with experience in rail corridor planning, may provide technical support in ensuring that corridor preservation remains compatible with potential long-term transportation objectives.

IV. GOOD-FAITH NEGOTIATION

GIEO respectfully requests that Conrail enter into good-faith negotiations during the 180-day Public Use Condition period to determine mutually agreeable terms for acquisition.

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, GIEO hereby formally invokes the opportunity provided under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 and the Board's February 27, 2026 Decision to negotiate for public use acquisition of the Harsimus Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

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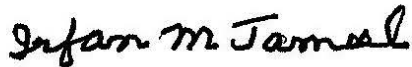
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this Second day of March 2026, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Intent to Negotiate for Public Use Acquisition Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10905 in Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1189X) upon all Parties of Record as reflected on the official Service List maintained by the Surface Transportation Board and dated March 1, 2026.

Service was made by electronic mail to all Parties of Record for whom an email address is listed on the Service List. For any Party of Record for whom no email address is listed, service was made by first-class United States Mail, postage prepaid.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this Second day of March 2026.



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