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Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Re: Docket No. AB-400 (Sub-No. 3X)
Seminole Gulf Railway, L.P. -
Abandonment Exemption - in Sarasota County, Florida

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(b)(2), Seminole Gulf Railway, L.P. ("SGLR") hereby responds to the petition for interim trail use filed by the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners. SGLR as the owner and operator of the rail line being abandoned (and the lessee - from CSX Transportation, Inc. - of the underlying land), states that it is willing to negotiate an agreement with Sarasota County. As indicated in its Petition for Exemption, SGLR has entered into an Option Agreement with The Trust for Public Lands, the terms of which SGLR expects will govern the agreement with Sarasota County.

I am enclosing the original and ten (10) copies of this letter so that it can be filed of record in this proceeding. Please time stamp the extra copy of this letter to indicate receipt, and return it to me in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

Respectfully,


ERIC M. HOCKY

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