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July 3, 2017

Honorable Kevin Bryant
State House, 1st Fl
Columbia, SC 29202

Re: Camp Hall Rail Line Public Information Open House to be held July 11

As announced in early 2016, Palmetto Railways is requesting regulatory approval to build and operate an industrial rail line between Santee Cooper's Cross Generating Station and the Camp Hall Commerce Park in Berkeley County, South Carolina. The proposed rail line will service the new Volvo Cars manufacturing facility, as well as future proposed development within the Camp Hall Commerce Park.

Palmetto Railways has identified a preferred alignment for the Camp Hall Rail project and will be going through an application process with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Surface Transportation Board (STB). USACE and STB will oversee the environmental review process to permit the route for construction while also ensuring that a wide range of stakeholders are involved in the process. The rail alignment alternatives that have been considered, including the preferred alignment are presented on the enclosed map. We are beginning the process of contacting individual property owners and tenants who may be impacted by the preferred alignment.

To present this information to the public and directly affected landowners, **Palmetto Railways will hold a public information open house on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cross High School gym, 1293 Old Highway 6, Cross, SC 29436.** Those wishing to attend can drop in any time from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. to speak with members of the project team. There will not be a formal presentation. Those who are unable to attend public information open house can view all meeting materials through an online meeting by visiting www.CampHallRail.com.

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), USACE and STB will oversee the environmental review process, which includes taking into account the environmental impacts of the project while also ensuring that a wide range of stakeholders are involved in the process.

Throughout the environmental review process, Palmetto Railways will engage in a process that encourages communication and cooperation between those who are involved in project-related decision making, including government officials, private businesses and the public.

We encourage all individuals interested in the project to visit our project website at www.CampHallRail.com to view the map of rail alignment alternatives and preferred alignment or to leave a comment for the project team.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lily Cogdill'.



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