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Federal Railroad Administration

Ryan Brown Ironhorse Resources, Inc. General Manager 102 E. Lincoln Street Tullahoma, TN 37388

March 9, 2023

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter responds to the Ironhorse Resources, Inc. submission dated March 3, 2023, to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval of its material modifications to the Ironhorse Resources, Inc. Conductor Certification Program received by FRA on March 3, 2023. Ironhorse Resources, Inc has complied with FRA's procedures for submission and approval of programs is described in appendix B to 49 CFR part 242. FRA reviewed the railroad's program modification and determined that the railroad's program modification conforms with the requirements of 49 CFR part 242 for the reasons discussed below.

Your submission package states that no labor organizations are representing the railroad's employees.

The program modifications are consistent with the model of the previously approved Class III railroad programs. FRA understands that the modifications are intended to provide more detail to the conductor certification process and update contact information. Additional modifications to the submission also addressed deficiencies with the standard requirements of 49 CFR part 242, appendix B.

Please continue in your efforts to improve railroad safety on your system.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this submission at (202) 366-0978 or <u>FRAOPCERTPROG@dot.gov</u> or <u>Kevin.Lewis@dot.gov</u>

Sincerely,

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