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Senior Vice President

March 13, 2015

The Honorable Mayor of Tequesta
Abby Brennan
345 Tequesta Drive
Tequesta, FL 33469—0273

Re: Your Letter dated March 9, 2015

Dear Mayor Brennan:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Abby'.

On behalf of the more than 700 employees of the Florida East Coast Railroad (FECR), we apologize to you and the residents of the City of Tequesta for the 1 ½ hour blockage of your city streets by our train on Saturday, March 7, 2015. The cause of the train stopping was due to an electrical issue that prevented the Loxahatchee River rail bridge from locking in place. The repair was addressed and this particular problem should not occur in the future. FECR is currently doing routine maintenance work on the bridge which should be completed soon.

However, because FECR is concerned with public safety and in response to your letter, FECR has taken the following actions:

1. The Director of Operations has amended our operating rules to require all southbound trains to stop before Riverside Drive if they do not receive a clear signal that the bridge is down and in the locked position. This procedure became effective on March 11, 2015.
2. All dispatchers of trains have been directed to ensure that trains stop before Riverside Drive when the bridge does not provide a clear signal that it is down and in the locked position.

3. The FECR signal department will install a second bridge indication light north of Riverside Drive within the next 60 days. This light is a redundant message signal to the train engineer to stop the train prior to reaching Riverside Drive in the event bridge is not locked down.
4. Effective today, the FECR dispatch center has included the Tequesta Public Safety Dispatch Center on the notification list for any blocked crossings within the city.

Again, we apologize for the problem our stopped train created for your community and believe the steps we have taken above will mitigate and prevent the future blocking of streets in the City of Tequesta related to the bridge. If there are any other issues or concerns, please give me a call.

Sincerely,


Robert B. Ledoux