| STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA | IN ' | THE | GENERA | AL C | OURT | OF | JUSTICE |
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| COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD | SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION | | | | | | |
| | FILE NO. 21-CVS-0975 | | | | | | |
| DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, |) | | | | | | |
| Plaintiff, |) | | | | | | |
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| RUTHERFORD RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT |) | | | | | | |
| CORPORATION, et al, |) | | | | | | |
| Defendants. |) | | | | | | |
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NOW COMES the Department of Transportation, plaintiff herein, and voluntarily dismisses the following parties: Bechtler Development Corporation; Town of Forest City; Town of Ruth; and Town of Rutherfordton.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served defendants and/or counsel for the opposing parties with the foregoing by depositing a copy or copies in the United States Mail, in a properly addressed envelope with adequate postage, in the manner prescribed by Rule 5 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, to the addresses below.

This ____ day of _____, ____.

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