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In Reply Refer To File No.: D-14-1

Mr. Ben Pula Tar River Services, Inc. 1001 NC Highway 61 Unit 470 Whitsett, NC 27377-0197

Dear Mr. Pula:

Our investigation of your STAA route designation request number D-14-1 for Tar River Services, Inc. is complete. The route requested is as follows:

Guilford County: NC 68 between I-40 and Rockingham County line. Rockingham County: NC 68 between Guilford County line and US 220.

This request is not approved because of operational and safety concerns on the current alignment. This route experienced a high number of truck crashes in the five year period ending 12/31/2014. The truck crash rate exceeds both the statewide average and critical truck crash rate. We have also received strong opposition from local governments and citizens regarding this requested route.

Currently, we have projects under construction which are widening US 220 to a multi-lane divided expressway and constructing a new multi-lane freeway connecting US 220 and NC 68. When these projects are completed, it is our intention to allow trucks on this new alignment.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kevin Lacy, P.E.

State Traffic Engineer

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cc: Cheryl McQueary, Board of Transportation Member

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