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PORTEC RAIL PRODUCTS INC Form SC TO-C February 17, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 PORTEC RAIL PRODUCTS, INC.

(Name of Subject Company (issuer))

FOREST THOMAS COMPANY

(offeror)

a wholly-owned subsidiary of L.B. FOSTER COMPANY

(parent of offeror)

(Names of Filing Persons (identifying status as offeror, issuer or other person))

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

736212101

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

David Voltz

L.B. Foster Company

415 Holiday Drive

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(Name, address, and telephone numbers of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

with a copy to:

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Transaction valuation*

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not applicable

not applicable

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Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit Exhibit Name

99.1 Communication to employees of L.B. Foster Company on February 17, 2010.