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Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
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Lexington, Missouri

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If the freight line is abandoned, we would request the STB comply with the city of Lexington's request in its letter and also if the abandonment is eventually approved enter an order requiring the current crossbucks and posts, crossing surfaces, and any other indication that a rail crossing exists be removed at all crossings (including the bell system at crossing number 442627G. The reason for this is to ensure that grade crossing warning devices are removed so that the public is not hampered or confused by partially removed indica of railroad crossings.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment through written testimony. We appreciate your consideration and the improvement of rail services generally because of the regulatory oversight your board enforces.

Sincerely,

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