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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 750X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Clay, Marion and Clinton Counties,
IL**

Dear Ms. Brown,

By letter dated September 12, 2016, CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) informed the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) that it had discovered that it omitted two zip codes¹ in the Petition for Exemption filed on August 31, 2016 in the above captioned proceeding (the “Petition”). CSXT republished the notice of the proposed discontinuance as required by 49 CFR 1105. 7(c) and 12 in the Advocate-Press, a newspaper of general circulation in Clay County, IL, on September 15, 2016, and in The Belleville News-Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation in Marion and Clinton Counties, IL, on September 16, 2016.

CSXT requests permission to amend Exhibit D of its Petition to include the attached Certificate of Publication, which reflect: republication of the notice of proposed discontinuance with the omitted zip codes. CSXT will file a copy of the republication upon receipt from the newspaper. CSXT also requests that the Board extend the effective dated of the proposed transaction until November 8, 2016.

CSXT requests the Board to reactivate this proceeding.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

¹ Zip Codes 62231 and 62219

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 750X) in the following form was advertised on September 15, 2016, in the Advocate-Press, a newspaper of general circulation in Clay County, IL, and on September 16, 2016, in The Belleville News-Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation in Marion and Clinton Counties, IL, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(c) and .12.



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CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) gives notice that on or about September 19, 2016, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903, et seq., permitting CSXT to discontinue service over an approximately 59.3-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Nashville Division, Illinois Subdivision from milepost BC 244.7, near Flora, IL, to milepost BC 304.00, near Aviston, which traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 62231, 62219, 62839, 62899, 62849, 62881, 62870, 62882, 62801, 62231, 62230, and 62216 in Clay, Marion, and Clinton Counties, IL (the “Line”). The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 750X).

The Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (“OEA”) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (“EA”), which will normally be available 60 days after the filing of the petition for abandonment exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 30 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to OEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling OEA at 202-245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board’s Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant’s representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance may be directed to the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0233. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant’s representative: Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, 410-296-2250, email at Lou@lgraillaw.com.