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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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Office of Proceedings
August 11, 2015
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Public Record

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 744X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Edgar County, IL**

Dear Ms. Brown,

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of a Verified Notice of Exemption for CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") to abandon an approximately 1.03-mile railroad line, between Milepost QSA 21.50 and Milepost QSA 22.53, near the City of Paris, Edgar County, IL. Also enclosed are a check for the filing fee of \$3,800, and a computer diskette containing the Notice in WORD and pdf format.

Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and Notice and return it with the messenger.

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

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosure

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Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 744X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN EDGAR COUNTY, IL

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Attorneys for: CSX TRANSPORTATION,
INC.

Dated: August 10, 2015

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. ~~743X~~)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN EDGAR COUNTY, IL

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 for CSXT to abandon an approximately 1.03-mile railroad line, between Milepost QSA 21.50 and Milepost QSA 22.53, near the City of Paris, Edgar County, IL (the “Line”). No local rail traffic has moved over the Line during the past two years. Any overhead traffic on the Line can be and has been rerouted.

Based on information in the possession of CSXT, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad’s possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

1. Proposed consummation date. The proposed consummation date is September 29, 2015.
2. Certification required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b). *See* Exhibit A.
3. Information required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1) through (4), (7), and (8), and (e)(4).

(a) General.

- (1) Exact name of applicant. CSX Transportation, Inc.

(2) Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C.

Subtitle IV, Chapter 105. CSXT is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

(3) Relief sought. CSXT seeks to use the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 to abandon an approximately 1.03-mile railroad line, between Milepost QSA 21.50 and Milepost QSA 22.53, near the City of Paris, Edgar County, IL.

(4) Map. *See* Exhibit B.

(7) Name, title, and address of representative of applicant to whom correspondence should be sent. Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, (410) 296-2250, Lou@lgrailaw.com.

(8) List of all United States Postal Service ZIP Codes that the line proposed for discontinuance traverses. The Line traverses U.S. Postal ZIP Code 61944.

(e) Rural and community impact.

(4) Statement of whether the properties proposed to be abandoned are appropriate for use for other public purposes, including roads and highways, other forms of mass transportation, conservation, energy production or transmission, or recreation. If the applicant is aware of any restriction on the title to the property, including any reversionary interest, which would affect the transfer of title or the use of property for other than rail purposes, this shall be disclosed.

The Line may be suitable for other public purposes or trail use, but may be subject to reversionary interests.

Once abandonment is authorized, CSXT will close the road crossing because the Edgar County Highway Department wants to make improvements to the roadway at McMillan Street.

4. The level of labor protection. The interests of any railroad employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment will be adequately protected by the labor protective conditions in *Oregon Short Line R. Co. –Abandonment–Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

5. Certification. Certificates of compliance with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(1) and 1105.11 are attached as Exhibit C.

6. Environmental Report. See Exhibit D.

7. Historic Report. See Exhibit E.

Respectfully submitted,



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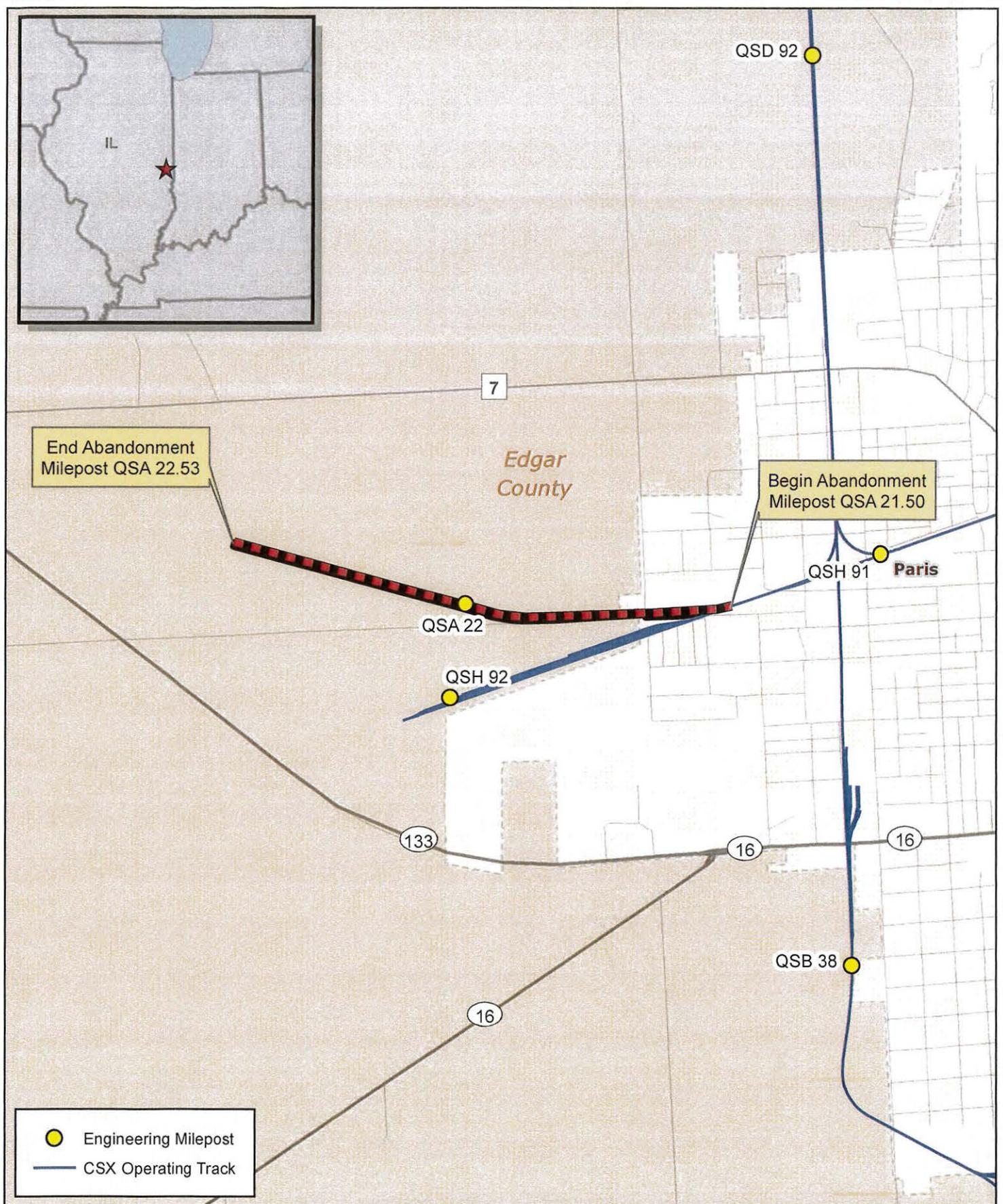
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Dated: August 10, 2015

EXHIBIT A-VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

EXHIBIT B-MAP



End Abandonment
Milepost QSA 22.53

Begin Abandonment
Milepost QSA 21.50

● Engineering Milepost
— CSX Operating Track



CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment - Paris, IL
Milepost QSA 21.50 - QSA 22.53 (1.03 Miles Total)
STB Docket No. AB55 (Sub No. 744X)
Nashville Division - Danville Secondary Subdivision
Edgar County, Illinois

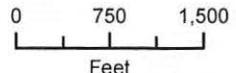


EXHIBIT C-CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AND PUBLICATION

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (d) (1), the undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 744X) was mailed via first class mail on June 3, 2015, to the following parties:

State Public Service Commission

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

Military Traffic Management Command

Headquarters
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
ATTN: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National Defense)
1 Soldier Way, Building 1900W
Scott AFB, IL 62225

National Park Service

Mr. Rick Potts
Chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program National Park Service
1849 C Street, N.W. (Org Code 2220)
Washington, DC 20240

National Park Service

U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
Land Resources Division
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250-0003



Melanie B. Yasbin
August 10, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 744X) in the following form was advertised on August 6, 2015, in the Paris-Beacon, a newspaper of general circulation in Edgar County, IL, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(c) and .12.



Melanie B. Yasbin

August 10, 2015

Notice of Intent To Abandon

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) gives notice that on or about August 10, 2015, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of an approximately 1.03-mile railroad line, between Milepost QSA 21.50 and Milepost QSA 22.53, near the City of Paris, Edgar County, IL (the “Line”). The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 744X).

The Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 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 the OEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office 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 20423–0001 [*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, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, (410)296-2250, Lou@lgrailaw.com.

EXHIBIT D- ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
CITY, COUNTY, STATE
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 744X)**

The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7:

(1) PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSXT proposes to abandon approximately 1.03 miles of its rail line between from Railroad Milepost QSA 21.50 to Railroad Milepost QSA 22.53 in Paris, Edgar County, Illinois.

The above referenced 1.03-mile line has not generated any originating or terminating traffic in over 2 years.

Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the rail, crossties, and possibly the upper layer of ballast. CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub grade or sub grade structures. Finally, the operations and maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the opportunity costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

A map which delineates the proposed project is attached. (See Attachment 1)

Further attached is a distribution list of all parties who have received a copy of this report. (See Attachment 2)

(2) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation

systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no passenger or freight traffic on this line. Since there has not been any traffic on this line in over 2 years, there will be no effect on existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns.

(3) LAND USE

- (i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant received a response dated June 12, 2015 from Edgar County Highway Department and the Edgar County Board, dated June 10, 2015 stating; *"does hereby support CSXT filing a Notice of Exemption for the abandonment....."* (See Attachment 3)

Applicant has not received a response to its May 28, 2015 inquiries to Illinois Department of Transportation and The Office of the Governor requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachments 4 and 5)

Based on the fact that the line has not generated any traffic in over 2 years, Applicant believes the proposed action is not inconsistent with local land use plans.

- (ii) Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.**

Applicant has received a response to its inquiry dated June 3, 2015 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service in Champaign, Illinois stating *"Because the proposed track abandonment would be confined to an existing rail corridor, it will have no impact on prime or important farmlands"*. (See Attachment 6)

- (iii) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9.**

Applicant has not received a response to its May 28, 2015 inquiry to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in Springfield,

Illinois requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 7)

Applicant feels that the simple removal of track material should not have an adverse impact on any coastal zone, land or water uses.

- (iv) **If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right of way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.**

The properties proposed to be abandoned may be suitable for other public purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect transfer of title for other than rail purposes.

(4) ENERGY

- (i) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of energy resources.

- (ii) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

- (iii) **State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.**

The proposed action will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

- (iv) **If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.**

There will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage.

(5) AIR

- (i) **If the proposed action will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road**

segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act; and will it result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of a least 50% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of a least 20% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity, the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restriction); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

Not applicable.

(6) NOISE

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more, or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(7) SAFETY

- (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).

Applicant believes that the abandonment will result in improvement to public safety by the elimination of one public, at-grade road crossings located on McMillian Street. The rail has already been removed and Edgar County Highway Department wants to make improvements to the roadway. (See Attachment 3)

- (ii) **If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.**

Not applicable.

- (iii) **If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right of way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.**

Applicant's records do not indicate any known hazardous material spills or hazardous waste sites.

(8) BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (i) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.**

Applicant received a response from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services dated July 27, 2015 stating *"the Service concurs that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect any federally listed species"* (See Attachment 8)

Based upon Applicant's intention to remove only the track material and the upper layer of ballast, we do not believe that any federally endangered or threatened species will be negatively affected or critical habitats modified if the line is abandoned.

- (ii) **State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its May 28, 2015 inquiry to the National Park Service in Omaha Nebraska requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 9)

Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the line is not within any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests.

(9) WATER

- (i) **Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant received a response dated June 16, 2015 from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stating *"If there is less than one acre of land disturbance during abandonment of the rail line, no construction site activity storm water NPDES permit is required at this time."* (See Attachment 10)

Applicant received a response dated June 4, 2015 from Edgar County Soil and Water Conservation District located in Paris, Illinois stating *"Our office feels that there is no harm in this project, as long as you follow EPA standards"*. (See Attachment 11)

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.**

Applicant has received a response dated July 10 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Rock Island, Illinois stating *"No wetland mapping of your proposed project site has been done, nor does the Corps of Engineers have any future plans"*. (See Attachment 12)

Applicant is not aware of any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains within the proposed project.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. Applicant does not intend to disturb any of the underlying road-bed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways. Based upon this course of action, Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

- (iii) **State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required).**

Applicant received a response dated June 9, 2015 from the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System stating "*Section 402 of the Clean Water Act requires permits for the discharge of treated municipal effluent, treated industrial effluent and storm water.*" (See Attachment 13)

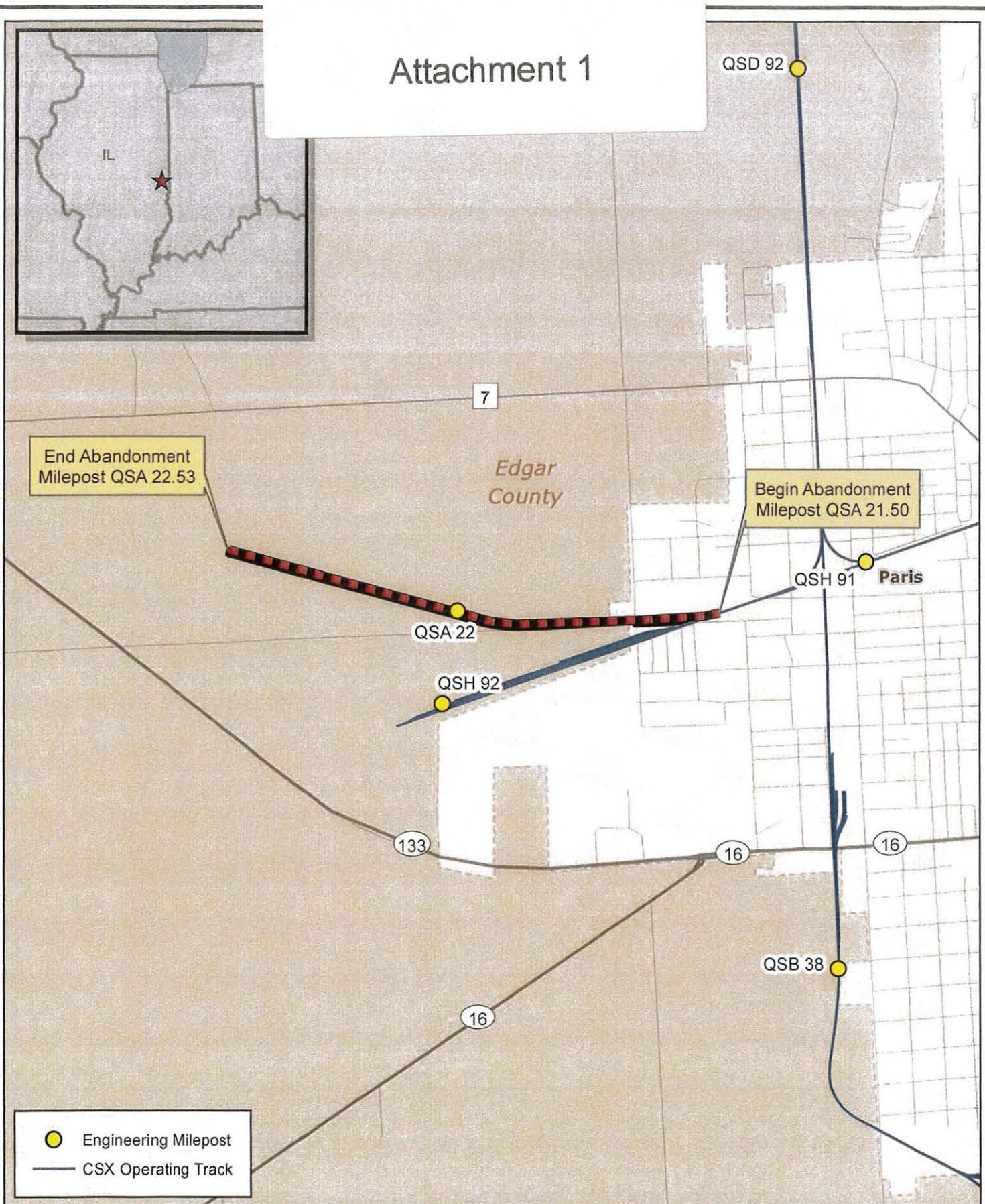
Based upon the course of action described in Section 9 (ii), Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

10. MITIGATION

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Applicant does not believe there will be any adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment. However, Applicant will comply with reasonable State and Federal regulations and obtain any necessary permits required.

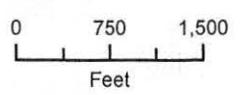
Attachment 1



● Engineering Milepost
— CSX Operating Track



CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment - Paris, IL
Milepost QSA 21.50 - QSA 22.53 (1.03 Miles Total)
STB Docket No. AB55 (Sub No. 744X)
Nashville Division - Danville Secondary Subdivision
Edgar County, Illinois



CSXT Abandonment External Distribution List
Edgar County
Paris, Illinois

Attachment 2

Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62764

The Honorable Mr. Bruce Rauner
Governor of Illinois
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Edgar County Highway Department
12637 East 950th Road
Paris, Illinois 61944-7502

Illinois Soil & Water
Conservation Districts
Edgar County
11757 IL Hwy 1
Paris, IL 61944

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Rock Island District
Clock Tower Building
P.O. Box 2004
Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

The Honorable Craig Smith
Mayor of Paris Illinois
City Hall, 206 S. Central Ave.
Paris, IL 61944

National Geodetic Survey
Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov

U.S. EPA
Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Illinois EPA
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Midwest Region
5600 American Blvd West
Suite 990
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

National Park Service
Midwest Regional Office
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, NE 68120

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
2118 West Park Court
Champaign, IL 61821

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
1 Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, IL 62701-1507

Attachment 3

Burroughs, JoAnn

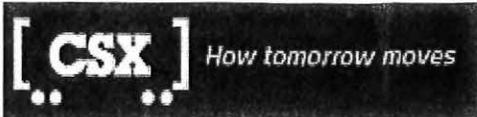
From: Joshua Knight <jknight@edgarcountyhighway.org>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 11:18 AM
To: Burroughs, JoAnn
Cc: 'Aaron Lawson'; 'Robert Howrey'
Subject: STB Docket # AB 55 (Sub-No. 744X) - Paris, IL
Attachments: Resolution of Support - CSX.pdf

Jo,

As we have discussed previously, Edgar County has pass a Resolution of Support for CSX's Notice of Exemption application STB Docket # AB 55 (Sub-No. 744X) with the Surface Transportation Board . Edgar County fully supports the Notice of Exemption to abandon CSX's common carrier obligation in the Southern Region, Nashville Division, Danville Secondary Subdivision from Railroad Milepost QSA 21.50 to QSA 22.53. I have attached a copy of the Resolution of Support and have mailed a hardcopy to you as well. Please let me know if there is anything else that we can do to help support this application.

Thanks

Joshua Knight
Edgar County Highway Department
217-465-4139



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Phone: (904) 359-1247
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Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

CSX Transportation, Inc. - Proposed Abandonment - STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 744X)

Agency response (check one):

No Environmental Impact

Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

Date: 7/6/2015

Signature: John Knight

Name: Joshua Knight

Title: Engineering Tech
Edgar County Highway Department

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.'S NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF COMMON CARRIER OBLIGATION IN THE SOUTHERN REGION, NASHVILLE DIVISION, DANVILLE SECONDARY SUBDIVISION FROM RAILROAD MILEPOST QSA 21.50 TO QSA 22.53

WHEREAS, CSX Transportation, Inc.'s (CSXT) is considering to file a Notice of Exemption for the abandonment of common carrier obligation in the Southern Region, Nashville Division, Danville Secondary Subdivision from Railroad Milepost QSA 21.50 to QSA 22.53 with Surface Transportation Board (STB); and

WHEREAS, CSXT intends to abandon their common carrier obligation and close the railroad crossing on McMillian St; and

WHEREAS, there has been no rail traffic on the said line for more than 2 years; and

WHEREAS, No new freight rail -oriented business is expected to develop along said line; and

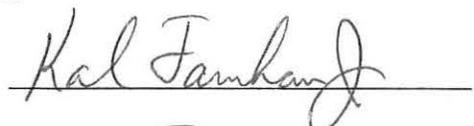
WHEREAS, the County wishes to make improvements to McMillian St at the said crossing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Edgar County Board on this 10th day of June, 2015, does hereby support CSXT filing a Notice of Exemption for the abandonment of common carrier obligation in the Southern Region, Nashville Division, Danville Secondary Subdivision from Railroad Milepost QSA 21.50 to QSA 22.53 with Surface Transportation Board

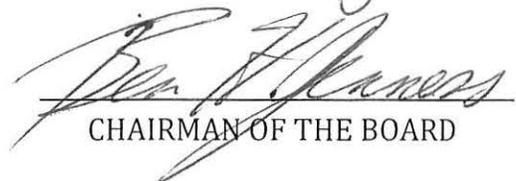
I move for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.



I second the motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.



PASSED this 10th day of June, 2015



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)
EDGAR COUNTY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

)SS

COUNTY OF EDGAR)

I, August H. Griffin, County Clerk of Edgar County, Illinois, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved and adopted by the County Board of Edgar County this 10th day of June, 2015.

 (SEAL)
EDGAR COUNTY CLERK



Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services

Attachment 4

500 Water Street – J-315
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Phone: (904) 359-1247
Email: Jo_Burroughs@csx.com

May 28, 2015

Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62764

Dear Sir/Madam;

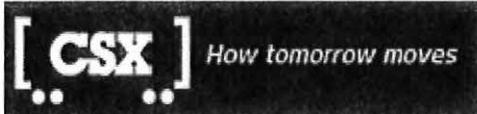
Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) is considering to file with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon our common carrier obligation in the Southern Region, Nashville Division, Danville Secondary Subdivision from Railroad Milepost QSA 21.50 to QSA 22.53. The distance is approximately 1.03 miles near Paris, Edgar County, Illinois as depicted on the attached map. STB Docket number AB 55 (Sub-No. 744X).

The purpose of the proposed action is to abandon our common carrier obligation and close the road crossing. The rail has already been removed and the County wants to make improvements to McMillan Street. There has been no traffic on the line for over 2 years. No new freight rail-oriented business is expected to develop, and the line is no longer required for operating purposes.

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Sincerely,

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Attachment 5

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May 28, 2015

The Honorable Mr. Bruce Rauner
Governor of Illinois
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

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June 3, 2015

Ms. Jo Ann Burroughs, Manager Network Services
CSX Transportation Services
500 Water Street—J-315
Jacksonville FL 32202

RE: STB Docket number AB 55 (Sub-No. 744X) CSX Transportation, Inc. – Proposed
Abandonment in Edgar County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Burroughs:

We have reviewed the proposed project as requested.

Because the proposed track abandonment would be confined to an existing rail corridor, it will
have no impact on prime or important farmlands.

Sincerely,

IVAN DOZIER
State Conservationist

cc:

Dave Dornbusch, Acting ASTC, USDA-NRCS, 6021 Development Drive, Suite 3, Charleston, IL
61920 A5

J. Doug Melvin, DC, USDA-NRCS, 11757 IL HWY 1, Paris, Illinois 61944-2212

Ron Collman, State Soil Scientist, USDA-NRCS, 2118 W. Park Court, Champaign, Illinois
61821

Tim Prescott, Resource Inventory Specialist, USDA-NRCS, 2118 W. Park Court, Champaign,
Illinois 61821

TP:EdgarCo_Abandonment



Attachment 7

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Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services

May 28, 2015

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

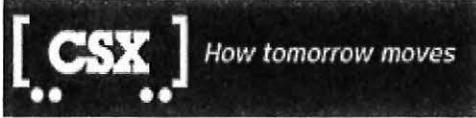
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Attachment 8

Burroughs, JoAnn

From: Mangan, Matthew <matthew_mangan@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 5:46 PM
To: Burroughs, JoAnn
Subject: CSX Transportation, Inc. Proposed Abandonment Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 744X)
Categories: Follow up

Jo Ann,

The Service has reviewed the proposed abandonment project. Given that the proposed project will only remove the track material and upper layer of ballast, the Service concurs that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect any federally listed species. Should this project be modified or new information indicate listed or proposed species may be affected, consultation or additional coordination with this office, as appropriate, should be initiated.

Species List

You can visit our Information, Planning, and Conservation System (IPaC) at the link below to determine whether any threatened and endangered species, designated critical habitat, or other natural resources of concern may be affected by your proposed project and to obtain a preliminary or official U.S. Fish and Wildlife species list.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>

Matt Mangan
Fish and Wildlife Biologist
Ecological Services
Marion Illinois Sub-Office
8588 Route 148
Marion, IL 62959
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618-997-8961 Fax
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Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services

Attachment 9

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May 28, 2015

National Park Service
Midwest Regional Office
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, NE 68120

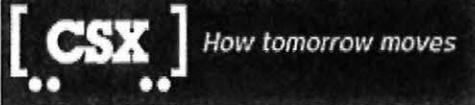
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BRUCE RAUNER, GOVERNOR

LISA BONNETT, DIRECTOR

June 16, 2015

Attachment 10

CSX

Attn: Jo Ann Burroughs
500 Water Street – J-315
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: CSX–Southern Region, Nashville Division, Danville Secondary Subdivision from Railroad Milepost QSA 21.50 to QSA 22.53

Dear Ms. Burroughs:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has received your letter dated June 9, 2015 requesting concurrence with the construction activities being conducted by your company.

The Federal Regulations, 40 CFR 122.26(b)(15) states “Storm water discharge associated with small construction activity means the discharge of storm water from:

Construction activities including clearing, grading and excavating that result in land disturbance of equal to or greater than one acre...”

If there is less than one acre of land disturbance during abandonment of the rail line, no construction site activity storm water NPDES permit is required at this time.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the Melissa Parrott or Cathy Demeroukas at 217/782-0610 or at the above address.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Keller".

Alan Keller, P.E.
Manager, Permit Section
Division of Water Pollution Control

AK:map

cc: Records Unit
Des Plaines Region

Attachment 11

Burroughs, JoAnn

From: Hopkins, Tara - NRCS-CD, Paris, IL <Tara.Hopkins@il.nacdnet.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 11:37 AM
To: Burroughs, JoAnn
Subject: letter
Attachments: 20150604104246904.pdf

Categories: Follow up

Please find a letter attached regarding STB Docket number AB 55(Sub-No. 744X). All further communication can be e-mailed.

Thank you

Tara Hopkins
AC/RC
Edgar County Soil & Water Conservation District
11757 IL HWY 1
Paris, IL 61944
(217) 465-5325 ext 3

-----Original Message-----

From: Hopkins, Tara - NRCS-CD, Paris, IL
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 10:43 AM
To: Hopkins, Tara - NRCS-CD, Paris, IL
Subject: Message from "RNP00267322D7E3"

This E-mail was sent from "RNP00267322D7E3" (Aficio MP C3001).

Scan Date: 06.04.2015 10:42:46 (-0500)
Queries to: Ricoh3001@il.usda.gov



Edgar County Soil and Water Conservation District
11757 IL HWY 1 Paris, IL 61944
Phone: (217) 465-5325 x 3



June 4, 2015

Jo Ann Burroughs
500 Water Street – J-315
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: STB Docket Number AB 55 (Sub-No. 744X)

Dear Jo Ann:

Thank you for your Notice of Abandonment. Our office feels that there is no harm in this project, as long as you follow EPA standards and take appropriate measures to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any water sources.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tara Hopkins'.

Tara Hopkins
AC/RC
Edgar County Soil & Water Conservation District
tara.hopkins@il.nacdnet.net

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Attachment 12

July 10, 2015

Operations Division
Regulatory Branch (North)
ID no. LRL-2015-566-ncc

This is in response to your request for comments concerning:

Project No: Docket AB-55 (Sub. No. 744X)

Description: Abandonment of 1.03 miles of the CSX rail line from Railroad Milepost QSA 21.50 to Railroad Milepost QSA 22.53 in Paris, Edgar County, Illinois.

Name of Organization requesting early coordination:

CSX Railroad

We do not have any comments on the general environmental impacts of the proposed project(s). Our lack of comments on specific potential environmental impacts should not be construed as concurrence that no significant environmental damage would result from the project.

If your project would impact any "waters of the United States," including jurisdictional wetlands, then you should submit a Department of the Army (DA) permit application for review by this office. Copies of DA permit application forms can be obtained by visiting our website at <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

1. The proposed improvement may impact the following waterway(s) under our jurisdiction:

An unnamed intermittent tributary of Sugar Creek

2. Current and/or future plans to develop the waterway(s) include:

NA

3. The following Corps of Engineer's projects and/or studies are located within the area:

NA

4. The depth or elevation of Ordinary High Water (OHW) is:

____ Feet mean sea level.

____ The OHW elevation is the line on the bank established by the changing water surface and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear natural line impressed on the bank; shelving; changes in the character of the soil; destruction of terrestrial vegetation; and other

indications as determined upon inspection of the area. If additional information is needed for the OHW you may contact our Hydrology & Hydraulics Branch by calling (502) 315-6456.

5. The project site is within flood elevations:

_____ Flood plain information is available by writing this office directly and requesting a floodplain delineation for a specific area. However, we are required by law to collect a fee for this service. The fee varies with the scope and complexity of the request. If you are interested in receiving this service please re-submit this request to the above address, ATTN: CELRL-PMP or call (502) 315-6892 and we will provide information on the fee schedule. Otherwise you may be able to obtain this information from local agency sources such as planning commissions.

6. Wetlands:

_____ are located on the site as indicated on the attached sheet.

XX To our knowledge, no wetland mapping of your proposed project site has been done, nor does the Corps of Engineers have any future plans to delineate and map jurisdictional wetlands for public or private use. If you suspect wetlands would be impacted by the discharge of dredged or fill material, a wetland delineation report conforming to the "Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1," would have to be submitted. Members of our regulatory staff having expertise in this area, would evaluate and verify the wetland delineation report as part of our review process. If you need assistance in preparing a wetland delineation, there are several environmental consultants in your geographic area having this expertise.

7. If based on your coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, it is determined that the project may affect historic properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, the Department of the Army permit application must include information stating which historic property may be affected by the proposed work and/or a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic property.

8. If you have additional questions, you may write to the above address
ATTN: CELRL-OPF-N or call (502) 315-6680.

Sincerely,

Norma C. Condra

Norma C. Condra
Project Manager
Regulatory Branch

Attachment 13

Burroughs, JoAnn

From: Ireland, Scott <ireland.scott@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 1:47 PM
To: Burroughs, JoAnn
Cc: Keller, Al
Subject: Re: CSX request
Attachments: CSX request.pdf

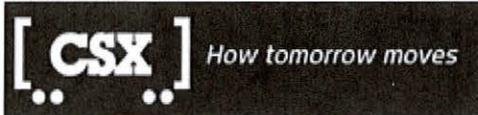
Ms. Burroughs,

This e-mail is in response to your letter requesting our concurrence with your position that the proposed project is consistent with applicable Federal, State and local water quality standards, and that no permits under Section 402 are required at this time. As you are probably aware, the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (Section 402 of the Clean Water Act) requires permits for the discharge of treated municipal effluent, treated industrial effluent and stormwater. The permits establish the conditions under which the discharge may occur and establish monitoring and reporting requirements. Whereas this is a federal program, it was delegated to the State of Illinois on October 23, 1977 and your request should be sent to them. I have copied Mr. Al Keller in the NPDES program at the State of Illinois as well as included the request letter you sent.

If we can provide any further assistance please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,
Scott Ireland

D. Scott Ireland
Chief, Section 1
NPDES Programs Branch
77 West Jackson Blvd., MC: WN-16J
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 886-8121
Ireland.Scott@epa.gov



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Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services

May 28, 2015

National Geodetic Survey
Mr. Simon Monroe
NGS.InfoCenter@noaa.gov
Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov

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Please advise if there are any geodetic markers which could be affected by the proposed transaction.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Burroughs
Enclosures (2)

Burroughs, JoAnn

From: Simon Monroe <simon.monroe@noaa.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2015 3:11 PM
To: Burroughs, JoAnn
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; Lucy Hall; Simon Monroe
Subject: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-55 (SUB NO. 744X)

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for PARIS, Edgar County, ILLINOIS.

Approximately 01 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described. These marks may or may not be disturbed.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD] shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic station marks are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at <http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Environmental Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 744X) was mailed via first class mail on May 28, 2015 to the following parties:

Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

U.S. EPA
Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

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Governor of Illinois
Office of the governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Illinois EPA
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Edgar County Highway Department
12637 East 950th Road
Paris, IL 61944-7502

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

Illinois Soil & Water
Conservation Districts
Edgar County
11757 IL Hwy 1
Paris, IL 61944

U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Midwest Region
5600 American Blvd West
Suite 990
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Rock Island District
Clock Towner Building
P.O. Box 2004
Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

National Park Service
Midwest Regional Office
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, NE 68120

The Honorable Craig Smith
Mayor of Paris Illinois
City Hall, 206 S. Central Ave.
Paris, IL 61944

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Melanie B. Yasbin
August 10, 2015

HISTORIC REPORT CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Historic Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 744X) was mailed via first class mail on June 12, 2015, to the following parties:

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
1 Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, IL 62701-1507



Melanie Yasbin
August 10, 2015

EXHIBIT E- HISTORIC REPORT



500 Water Street – J-315
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Phone: (904) 359-1247
E-Mail: Jo_Burroughs@csx.com

Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services

June 12, 2015

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

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Springfield, IL 62701-1507

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In connection with rail lines that are to become the subject of applications for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a revised Historic Report covering the above-proposed abandonment.

We would appreciate receiving a letter from your office confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Burroughs

Enclosures



**Illinois Historic
Preservation Agency**

1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1512

FAX 217/524-7525
www.illinoishistory.gov

Edgar County
Paris
RR Milepost QSA 21.50 to QSA 22.53
STB-AB 55 (Sub-No. 744X)
Common carrier obligation abandonment - CSX Transportation Railway

PLEASE REFER TO: IHPA LOG #005061515

July 1, 2015

JoAnn Burroughs
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street - J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Ms. Burroughs:

We have reviewed the documentation submitted for the referenced project(s) in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4. Based upon the information provided, no historic properties are affected. We, therefore, have no objection to the undertaking proceeding as planned.

Please retain this letter in your files as evidence of compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This clearance remains in effect for two (2) years from date of issuance. It does not pertain to any discovery during construction, nor is it a clearance for purposes of the Illinois Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440).

If you are an applicant, please submit a copy of this letter to the state or federal agency from which you obtain any permit, license, grant, or other assistance.

Sincerely,

Rachel Leibowitz, Ph.D.
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

HISTORIC REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
Paris, Edgar County, Illinois
DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO. 744X)**

1105.7(e)(1)

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES. Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSXT proposes to abandon approximately 1.03 miles of its rail line between from Railroad Milepost QSA 21.50 to Railroad Milepost QSA 22.53 in Paris, Edgar County, Illinois.

The above referenced 1.03-mile line has not generated any originating or terminating traffic in over 2 years.

Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the rail, crossties, and possibly the upper layer of ballast. CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub grade or sub grade structures. Finally, the operations and maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the opportunity costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

A map which delineates the proposed project is attached. (See Attachment 1)

1105.8(d)

- (1) A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50**

years old or older and are part of the proposed action.

Attached is a copy of the Paris South quadrangle topographic map prepared by the CSX Real Property, Inc.

The line to be abandoned has been identified by a heavy red line with black dashes. (See Attachment 2)

There are no CSXT-owned structures that are 50 years old or older that may be eligible for listing in the National Register that are part of the proposed action.

- (2) A written description of the right of way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristic of the surrounding area:**

The right of way width along this right of way is approximately 40-50 feet from the centerline of track. The line traverses the City of Paris in an east-west direction on the west side of Paris in a mixed urban and industrial area that opens up to rural land and farms.

- (3) Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area:**

Not applicable

- (4) The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known:**

Our records indicate that the rail was removed in 2013.

- (5) A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action:**

The line that ran through Paris, Illinois was originally a part of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1968, the Penn Central Company was formed by merger of the New York Central Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad. By the early 1970s the Penn Central was bankrupt; and in 1976 the U. S. Government created Conrail from Penn Central and five other failed eastern railroads.

In 1999, CSX Corporation, CSX Transportation's (CSXT) parent company, and Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) jointly acquired control of Conrail Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiary, Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail). As a result of that acquisition, certain assets of Conrail have been assigned to New York Central Lines, LLC (NYC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Conrail, to be exclusively operated by CSXT pursuant to an operating agreement. The line proposed for abandonment is included among the property being operated by CSXT pursuant to the NYC operating agreement.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, Applicant's operations and maintenance over this line will cease.

- (6) **A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic:**

Not applicable.

- (7) **An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities):**

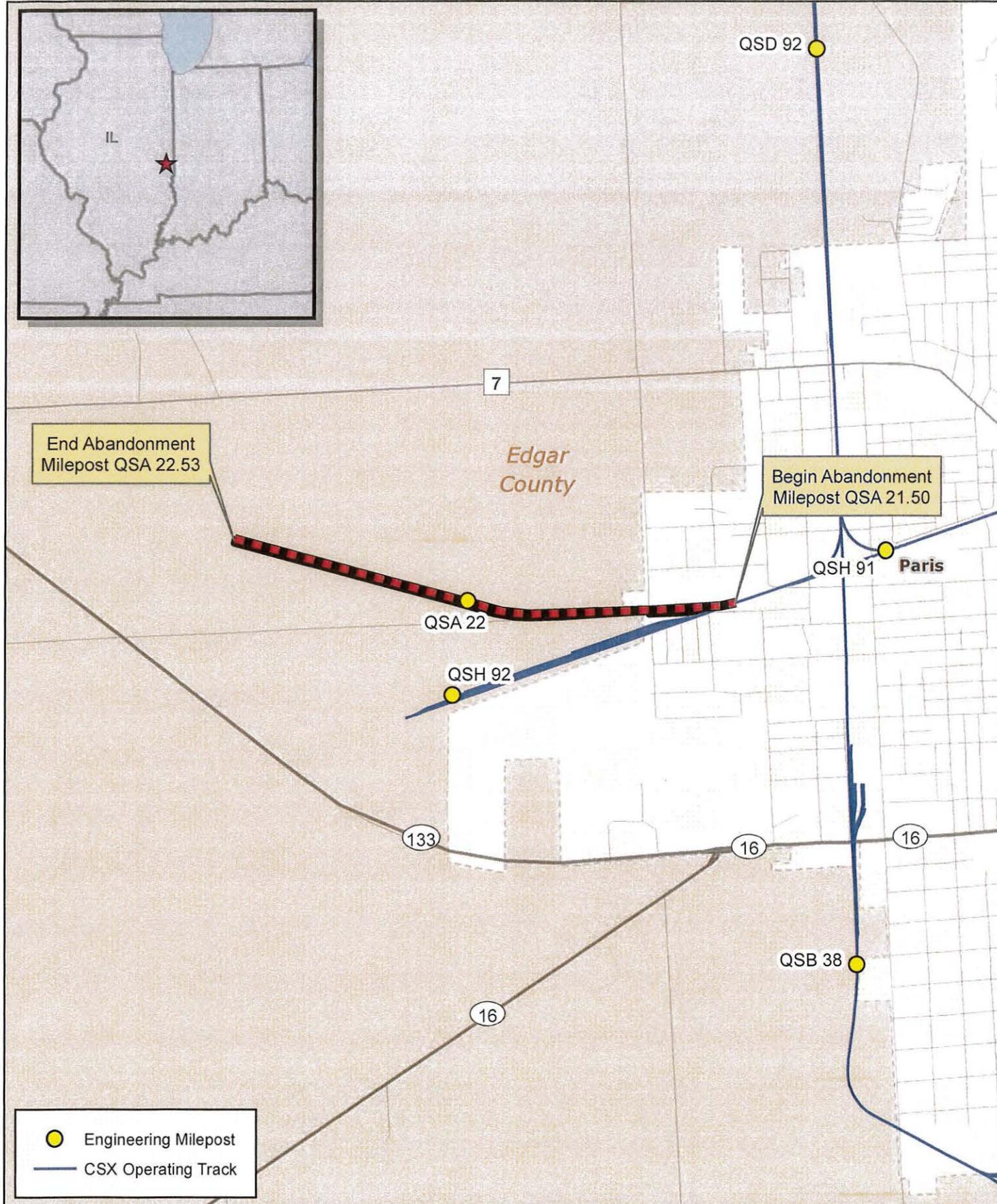
A review of our records indicates there is zero (0) CSXT-owned structure over 50 years old on this line segment that may be eligible for listing in the National Register.

We do not know of any significance or uniqueness to this structure that would warrant your consideration, since to our knowledge, it is not associated with any event that has made a contribution to the broad patterns of history; or were not associated with lives of persons significant to our past; do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; and do not represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction and have not or may not be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

We do not know of any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area.

- (8) A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or man-made) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.**

The line was disturbed during construction by cuts and fill and any archeological resources that may have been located in the proposed project area would have been affected at that time versus during the proposed salvage operations associated with rail removal. Our records do not indicate that any swampy conditions exist, or that any hazardous material spills have occurred within the project area.



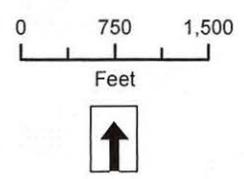
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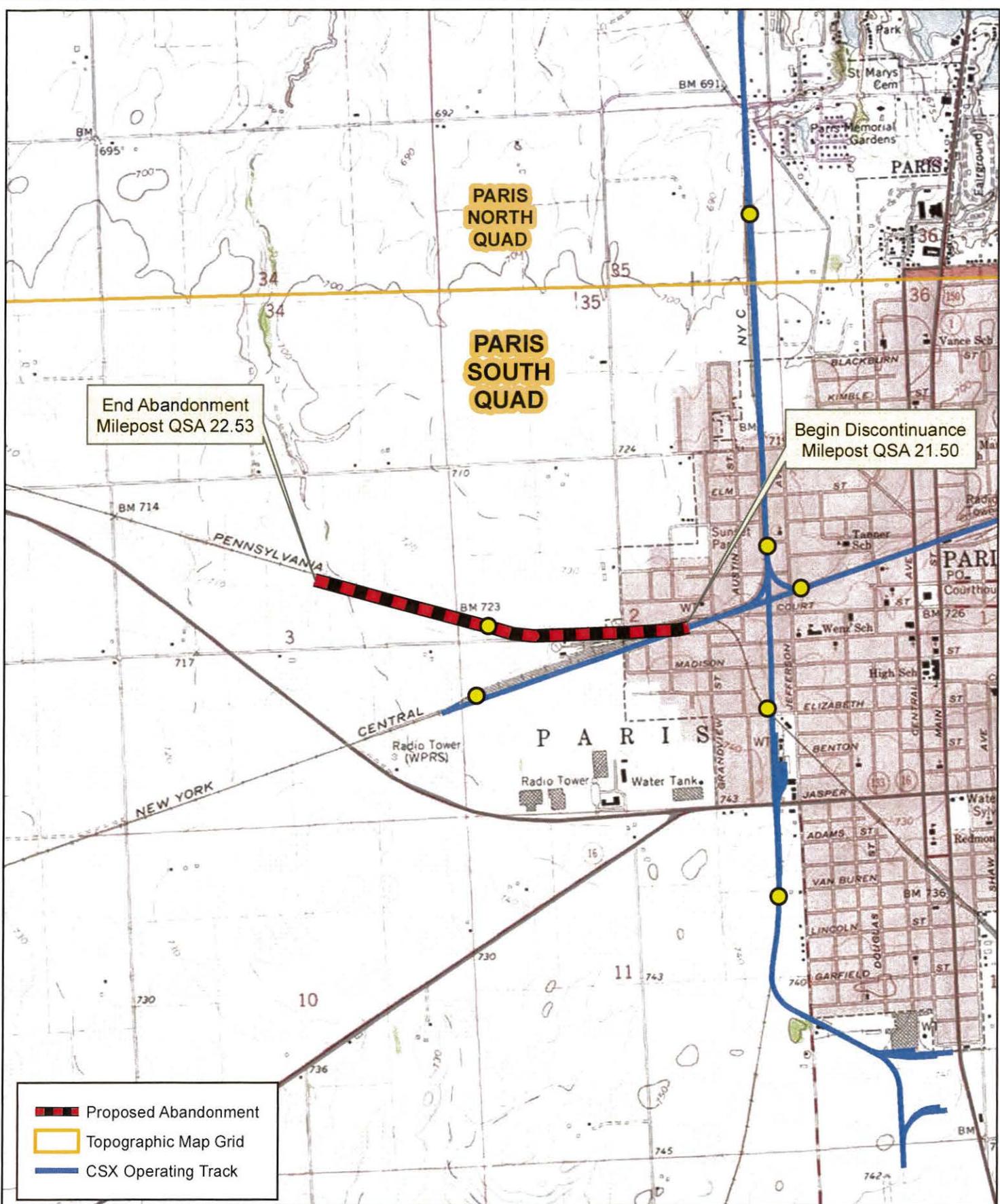
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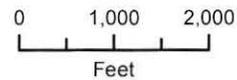


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