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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: **Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 185X)**
Illinois Central Railroad Company -- Discontinuance of Trackage
Rights Exemption – In Madison, Yazoo, Holmes, Carroll,
Montgomery, Grenada, Yalobusha, Tallahatchie, Panola,
Tate, and DeSoto Counties, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Brown:

Illinois Central Railroad Company (“IC”) hereby respectfully requests leave to withdraw its Verified Notice of Exemption to Discontinue Trackage Rights filed with the Board on September 28, 2011 in the above referenced docket. In its Notice, IC sought to discontinue its limited overhead trackage rights over a line of railroad owned by Grenada Railway LLC (“GRYR”). As indicated in the Notice, IC sought this discontinuance because under the trackage rights agreement between IC and GRYR, IC agreed that if GRYR sought regulatory authority to abandon its line, IC would seek regulatory authority to discontinue its trackage rights at the same time. GRYR filed a Petition for Abandonment Exemption to abandon a portion of the line on September 20, 2011, in Docket No. AB-1087X. Because abandonment of the line segment that GRYR sought to abandon would physically preclude operation of the remainder of IC’s limited overhead trackage rights over GRYR, IC sought an exemption to discontinue all of its trackage rights over GRYR.

On November 10, 2011, GRYR filed a letter with the Board requesting leave to withdraw its Petition in Docket No. AB-1087X. The Board granted this request in Grenada Railway LLC – Abandonment Exemption – in Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo, and Madison Counties, Miss., Docket No. AB-1087X (STB served November 10, 2011).

Because GRYR is no longer seeking to abandon a portion of its line, the impetus for IC’s request to discontinue its trackage rights over this line is now moot. Therefore, IC

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respectfully requests leave to withdraw its Verified Notice of Exemption to Discontinue Trackage Rights filed in Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 185X).

Respectfully submitted,



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