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**Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 190X)
Illinois Central Railroad Company – Discontinuance
Exemption – In Sangamon and Montgomery Counties, Ill.**

Discontinuance Advisory

Dear Ms. Brown:

On March 13, 2015, Illinois Central Railroad Company (“IC”) filed an individual petition for exemption in the above-referenced docket for purposes of obtaining authority to discontinue service over approximately 10.75 miles of rail line between milepost 207.25 at Cimic and milepost 218.0 at Farmersville, in Sangamon and Montgomery Counties, Ill. (the “Line”). Notice of the abandonment petition for exemption filing was served and published in the Federal Register on April 2, 2015, and the Board granted the subject exemption effective as of July 23, 2015.

By way of this letter filing, IC wishes to advise the Board that, as of July 23, 2015, IC has exercised its authority under the exemption, and has discontinued service over the Line. IC recognizes that the Board’s rules do not require that parties obtaining authority to discontinue rail common carrier service notify the Board of discontinuance “consummation.” Rather, 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) requires timely notices of consummation from those acting upon authority to *abandon* a rail line, and, here, IC has not sought or obtained abandonment authority. Accordingly, IC offers this advisory as a courtesy and as information to clarify the Line’s current legal status and to acknowledge the Board’s continuing jurisdiction over the Line.

Please contact the undersigned counsel for IC if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,



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cc: Springfield Coal Company, LLC