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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re:

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 606X) *204993*  
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Discontinuance of Service  
Notice of Petition for Exemption in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in Paragraph 9 of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Notice of Exemption filed on February 22, 2002, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Exemption was published on February 21, 2002, in *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

*Natalie S. Rosenberg*  
Natalie S. Rosenberg

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### Proof of Publication of Notice in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Under Act No. 587, Approved May 16, 1929, P.L. 1784, as last amended by Act No. 409 of September 29, 1951

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny, ss: A. Blanchard, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Pittsburgh, County and Commonwealth aforesaid, was established in 1993 by the merging of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Sun-Telegraph and The Pittsburgh Press and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Sun-Telegraph was established in 1960 and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette was established in 1927 by the merging of the Pittsburgh Gazette established in 1786 and the Pittsburgh Post, established in 1842, since which date the said Pittsburgh Post-Gazette has been regularly issued in said County and that a copy of said printed notice or publication is attached hereto exactly as the same was printed and published in the regular editions and issues of the said Pittsburgh Post-Gazette a newspaper of general circulation on the following dates, viz:

21, of February, 2002.

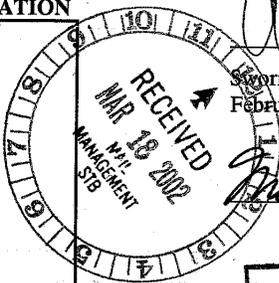
Affiant further deposes that he/she is an agent for the PG Publishing Company, a corporation and publisher of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; that, as such agent, affiant is duly authorized to verify the foregoing statement under oath; that affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the aforesaid notice or publication; and that all allegations in the foregoing statement as to time, place and character of publication are true.

#### COPY OF NOTICE OR PUBLICATION

STB NO. AB-55 (SUB-NO. 606X)  
 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR EXEMPTION TO ABANDON A LINE OF RAILROAD  
 CSX Transportation, Inc. hereby gives notice that on or about February 22, 2002, 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 the abandonment of a portion of its line of railroad in the Northwest Region known as its Baltimore Division, P&W Subdivision, extending from Pittsburgh (Milepost BFFH 0.0) to Pittsburgh (Milepost BFFH 2.1), a distance of 2.1 miles, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP 15212 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The proceedings has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 606X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) 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 SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by call SEA at (202) 565-1526.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than assistance, must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street, N.W., 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, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 565-1594. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative (Natalie S. Rosenberg, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500



A. Blanchard  
 PG Publishing Company

born to and subscribed before me this day of:  
 February 22, 2002.

Mary E. Wazenegger

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 Mary E. Wazenegger, Notary Public  
 Pittsburgh, Allegheny County  
 My Commission Expires Feb. 18, 2004  
 Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISING COSTS  
 CSX TRANSPORTATION  
 J-150, LAW DEPT.  
 500 WATER STREET  
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 To PG Publishing Company

Total ----- \$ 643.50

#### Publisher's Receipt for Advertising Costs

I, publisher of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation, hereby said advertising and publication costs and certifies that the same have been fully paid.

PG Publishing Company, a Corporation, Publisher of Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, a Newspaper of General Circulation

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