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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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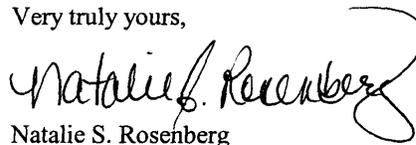


**RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 619X)
 CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment
 Exemption in Allegan County, Michigan**

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 for Petition of Exemption filed on August 9, 2002 in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Exemption was published on August 8, 2002, in *The Holland Sentinel* in Holland, Allegan County, Michigan.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

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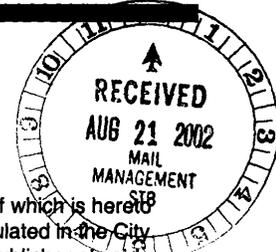
Affidavit of Publication

Account Number

Copy of Invoice Dated **8/31/2002**

Date	Product Description	Column	Depth	Total Linage	Gross Rate	Gross Amount
8/8/2002	Exemption to abandon a line	2	7	14	\$8.40	\$117.60

State of Michigan }
County of Ottawa } SS.



Mike Hengel, of said county, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the notice, a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was published in THE HOLLAND SENTINEL, a newspaper, printed, published, and circulated in the City of Holland, County of Ottawa on the above listed dates, and the affiant further says that he is the Publisher of said newspaper, and knowing to the facts above stated.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 12th day

of Aug. A.D., 2002

Mary Jo LaPlante

Notary Public in and for Ottawa County, Michigan

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If you need further assistance, please call Stacy Nyhof at 616/392-3020 ext. 3035.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STB NO. AB - 55 (Sub- No. 619X)

Notice of Petition for Exemption to Abandon a Line of Railroad

CSX Transportation, Inc. hereby gives notice that on or about August 9, 2002, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a petition for exemption under 49 U. S. C. 10505 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 Western Region, known as its Chicago Division, Grand Rapids Subdivision, Hamilton Industrial Track, extending from railroad Milepost CGB - 19.00 in Holland to Milepost CGB - 12.90 in Hamilton, a distance of 6.1 miles, which traverses through United States Postal Services ZIP Codes 49423 and 49419, all in Allegan County, Michigan. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB - 55 (Sub - No. 619 X).

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 notice 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 calling SEA at (212) 927 - 6211.

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 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, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J -150, Jacksonville, FL 32202).

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