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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 172X) — Illinois Central Railroad
Company — Abandonment Exemption — In Adams County, MS

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision served in the above-captioned proceeding on March 22, 2002, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") was granted an exemption for the abandonment of its 3.9-mile line of railroad extending from milepost LN 94.48 to milepost LN 98.38 in Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi. IC's abandonment exemption became effective on April 21, 2002.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.60(e), IC hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of the subject line of railroad on January 15, 2003.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. An extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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