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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 171X) — Illinois Central Railroad
Company — Abandonment Exemption — In McLean County, IL

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision served in the above-captioned proceeding on May 6, 2002, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") has an exemption for the abandonment of its 3.08-mile line of railroad known as the Heyworth Spur extending from milepost 783.42 to milepost 786.5 in Heyworth, McLean County, Illinois. IC's abandonment exemption became effective on May 1, 2003, when the NITU in place for the line expired. By decision served May 1, 2003, the STB gave IC until July 7, 2003, to file a Notice of Consummation.

Pursuant to 40 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 line of railroad between milepost 783.42 and milepost 786.5 on June 19, 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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