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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: **STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 642X)**
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment
Exemption in Vermillion County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in Paragraph 9 CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Petition for Exemption filed on September 26, 2003, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Petition for Exemption was published on September 18, 2003, in the *Commercial News* in the city of Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

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Enclosures

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
County of Vermilion) ss.
City of Danville)

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER HOLDING INC., DBA THE COMMERCIAL-NEWS, a corporation, organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois, HEREBY CERTIFIES

21987, 9/18/03
STB Docket No. AB-55
(Sub-No. 642X)

Notice of Petition for Exemption to Abandon a Line of Railroad
CSX Transportation

hereby gives notice that on or about September 19, 2003, 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 Western Region, known as its Chicago Division, Woodland Subdivision, extending from Milepost 02E 107.1 at Rossville Junction to Milepost 02E 113.0 at Henry, a distance of 5.9 miles, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 61848 and 60963 in Vermilion County, Illinois. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 642X).

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 calling 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 Water Street, S-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202).

That it is the PUBLISHER of the COMMERCIAL-NEWS, and the COMMERCIAL-NEWS is a secular newspaper of general circulation in Vermilion County, Illinois, printed and published in the City of Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois:

That a notice, of which the annexed is a true copy, has been regularly published, in said newspaper one time each day/week for 1 successive days/weeks times.

That the first of such publications was on the 18 day of Sept 2003 and the last publication was on the 18 day of Sept 2003

That the COMMERCIAL-NEWS has been regularly published for at least six (6) months prior to the first publication of said notice: that the face of the type in which such publication was made is the same as the body type used in the classified advertising in the newspaper in which such publication was made.

That Carol L. Nurbis has been duly appointed as agent of said company and authorized to certify all certificates of publication required to be made on account of publications made in the COMMERCIAL-NEWS, and that such appointment is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER HOLDING INC., DBA THE COMMERCIAL-NEWS, PUBLISHER, aforesaid, has caused its corporate name to be hereinto affixed, and this certificate executed by Carol L. Nurbis its authorized Agent, on this 22 day of Sept, A.D. 2003

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By: Carol L. Nurbis
Authorized Agent