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Re **Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 176X), Illinois Central Railroad Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in Rankin County, Mississippi**

Dear Secretary Williams

Enclosed are an original and ten copies of a petition to extend the consummation due date in the above-referenced docket Please call me if you have any questions

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures



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INTRODUCTION

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") has authority, pursuant to 49 C F R § Part 1152, Subpart F, to abandon its line of railroad between milepost 70.20 and milepost 71.72, a distance of 1.52 miles in Flowood, Rankin County, Mississippi ("Flowood Trackage"). IC filed a Notice of Consummation for that portion of Flowood Trackage from Milepost 70.30 to 71.72 on August 18, 2006. The Notice of Consummation for the remaining portion on the far eastern end, Milepost 70.20 to Milepost 70.30, is due June 30, 2007. However, for the reasons set forth herein and pursuant to 49 C F R § 1129(e)(2), IC needs an extension of the date by which to file a Notice of Consummation for the far eastern end of Flowood Trackage.

REASONS IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST

Attached as Exhibit A is a map of Flowood Trackage. As discussed in previously filed pleadings, there is a north-south line known as the East Jackson Spur that connects just inside the abandonment limit at milepost 70.20. IC shall relocate the connection so that the East Jackson Spur will connect to track outside, or east, of the abandonment limit of milepost 70.20.

Therefore, trains will continue to access the East Jackson Spur IC intends on beginning an abandonment proceeding shortly on the East Jackson Spur, but will keep the track in place as a spur to support its operations once it receives abandonment authority. Therefore, in any event, IC has a need to relocate the connection

As part of this relocated connection project, two at-grade crossings will be eliminated. Because of the safety benefits of the grade crossing eliminations, the State of Mississippi is providing funds to relocate the connection. Consistent with state and IC policy and practices, IC will not begin the relocation until the funding agreement with the State is fully executed. The agreements have been finalized by the State but not delivered to IC as the necessary funds need to be appropriated. Therefore, IC will not be able to complete the connection relocation by June 30, 2007. IC would like to have the connection relocated prior to consummating the abandonment on the far eastern portion of Flowood Trackage.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

For the reasons set forth herein, IC respectfully requests that the STB extend the due date for filing the Notice of Consummation for that portion of Flowood Trackage from Milepost 70 30 to Milepost 70 20 until December 31, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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