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ATTN: Vernon Williams, Secretary
395 E Street, SW,
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Re: Environmental Report, Historic Report and Required Certifications for
Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 180X),
Illinois Central Railroad Company — Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in
Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Williams:

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") intends to file a Notice of Exemption for the above-referenced proposed abandonment any time on or after August 31, 2007. Enclosed for the above-referenced Abandonment Exemption are the following documents, which are required by 49 C.F.R. Part 1105:

1. An original and ten copies of the Environmental/Historic Report;
2. An original and ten copies of the transmittal letter that accompanied the reports; and
3. An original and ten copies of a certificate demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 1105.

Please stamp and return the duplicate copy of this letter to my attention to indicate that you received the items listed.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Notice of Exemption for Abandonment - Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi - Docket AB-43 (Sub-No. 180X)

To Whom It May Concern:

Any time on or after August 31, 2007, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon a railroad line located between milepost 148.67 and milepost 148.21, a distance of 0.46 miles, in Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi. Enclosed is an Environmental Report and a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historical analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental and historic review process, please contact their Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), at the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, (202) 245-0245, and refer to the above docket number.

IC will file the Environmental Report and Historic Report with the STB on or about August 1, 2007. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the STB (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historical impact of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at (708) 332-4381 or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 180X)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL
RAILROAD COMPANY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR
ABANDONMENT IN ADAMS
COUNTY, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

To: Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board (STB)
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20424

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH 49 C.F.R. PART 1105

I hereby certify that on August 1, 2007, copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report for the above-captioned proceeding were served on the agencies listed at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b), all agencies consulted in preparing the reports, and on the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. A service list is attached and incorporated into this certificate as Attachment A. The reports have been sent within the time period specified, as Illinois Central Railroad Company intends to file its Notice of Exemption in the above-captioned matter no earlier than August 31, 2007. All appropriate agencies as listed in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e) have been consulted well in advance of preparing the Environmental Report.

I also certify that a newspaper notice was published on June 14, 2007, in *The Natchez Democrat*, a newspaper of general circulation in Adams County, Mississippi. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notice is attached to this certificate as Attachment B.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2007.



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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF ADAMS

Before the undersigned authority of said county, personally appeared Carlee Reed the clerk of a public newspaper, printed and published in the City of Natchez, and county aforesaid, called The Natchez Democrat, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that the publication of this notice hereto affixed has been made in said newspaper for 1 successive week(s)/ day(s), to wit:

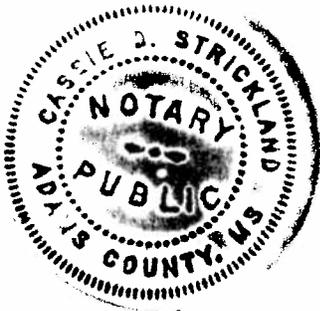
VOL:143 NO:165 Dated the 14th day of June 2007.

Commencing on the 14th of June 2007
and ending on the 14th of June 2007

Carlee Reed
Legal Ad Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed to this the 21st of June, 2007 A.D.
before me the undersigned Notary Public of said County of Adams.

Cassie D. Strickland
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My commission expires the 17th of December, 2007



ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY gives notice that on or after July 1, 2007, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C. 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 115. Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of approximately 0.46 miles of railroad line between milepost 148.67 and milepost 148.2 in Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, which line traverses through U.S. Post Office Zip Code 39120. The proceeding will be docketed as AB-43 (Sub No. 180X). The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed at a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing the SEA, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0245. 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. Original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trail use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001 [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 trail use may be directed to the Commission's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 245-0245. Copies of any comments should be served on the applicant's representative, Thomas J. Healey, (708) 332-4381 at 17641 S. Ashland Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430. 143-165-14-06 L4306

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-43 (SUB-NO. 180X)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN ADAMS COUNTY, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Illinois Central Railroad Company, (“IC”) submits this Environmental/Historic Report in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence and certifications are attached. It is the conclusion of this Report that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)

1. Proposed Action and Alternatives. IC seeks to abandon its line of railroad extending from milepost 148.67 to milepost 148.21 in Natchez, Mississippi (the “Line”). The Line is situated in Adams County, Mississippi and extends a total distance of approximately 0.46 miles.

The Line has not been required to serve any customer in many years. The Line was previously used to transport materials to the paper mill, tire plant, and manufacturing companies located along this track. There have been no rail shipments of any kind on the Line in the last two years, and no reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists.

Following abandonment, IC intends to salvage rail, ties and track materials from the Line.

No alternatives to the proposed abandonment have been considered. A map showing the location of the Line is attached herein as **Appendix A**.

IC has contacted and requested comments from the Mississippi Clearinghouse. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix B**. The Clearinghouse has made no comments or recommendations on this proposed abandonment.

IC has also contacted and requested comments from the Adams County Board of Supervisors. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix C**. The Board has not made any comments to date.

2. Transportation System. IC does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. No rail service is currently provided on the Line. Thus, no traffic will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no overhead traffic on the Line, and no passenger trains are operated over the Line.

IC has contacted and requested comments from the Mississippi Department of Transportation. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix D**. The Department has not responded to our correspondence.

3. Land Use.

(i) IC does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local land use plans, but has contacted and requested comments from the National Geodetic Survey for the State of Mississippi. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix E**. They have not responded to our correspondence.

(ii) The proposed abandonment lies entirely within the limits of Adams County, Mississippi. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has been contacted

and comments have been requested. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix F**. The NRCS does not foresee any adverse effects resulting from this proposed abandonment.

(iii) The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources does not object to this proposed abandonment, provided that no direct or indirect impacts to wetlands occur. See the response attached herein as **Appendix G**.

(iv) IC is not aware of any alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 for which the right-of-way of this track would be suitable, other than possibly a trail.

4. Energy.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities move on the Line, and IC foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled on this line, and IC foresees little or no possibility that any online recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. There is no freight traffic on the Line and thus there will be no changes in existing transportation patterns or energy usage as a result of the proposed abandonment.

(iv) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5. Air.

(i) Not applicable. Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line, (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.

(ii) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not result in traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C).

(iii) Not applicable. This is an abandonment of a line on which there have been no customers for at least two years and there is no overhead traffic on the line.

6. Noise. Not applicable. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment.

7. Safety.

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety. During any salvage operations on the Line, precautions will be taken to ensure public safety.

(ii) Not applicable. To IC's knowledge, no hazardous commodities were ever handled on this Line. Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) To the best of IC's knowledge, there are no known hazardous waste sites or any hazardous waste materials involved. There are no buildings, structures, or bridges located along this segment of track. Therefore, IC believes that its abandonment will not have any adverse impact on this site.

8. Biological Resources.

(i) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been contacted and we have requested comments. This abandonment will not affect any wetland, nor is there any endangered or threatened species present in this area. See correspondence attached as **Appendix H**.

IC has also contacted the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix I**. There have been no comments to date.

(ii) The Line does not pass through or adjacent to any wildlife sanctuaries, refuges, any national or state parks or forests and, accordingly, none will be adversely affected. IC has contacted and requested comments from the National Park Service. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix J**. There has been no response to date.

9. Water.

(i) The Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds were also contacted and no response has been received. See correspondence attached as **Appendix K**.

(ii) The Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted to determine if the proposed abandonment requires permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix L**. IC has further contacted the Corps by telephone and no response has been received.

IC also believes that removal of the rails will not affect any existing wetlands. In addition, abandonment should not impact any 100-year floodplain if no additional fill is placed in any floodplain.

(iii) The US Environmental Protection Agency has been contacted and we have requested comments from them. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix M**.

There has been no response to date. IC believes that no permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) will be required for the proposed action.

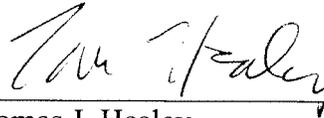
10. Proposed Mitigation. As no adverse impact is anticipated, IC does not propose any mitigation activities.

HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)

1. Map. A map of the Line is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.
2. Description of Line. The line to be abandoned extends from milepost 148.67 to milepost 148.21 in Natchez, Mississippi. The Line is situated in Adams County, Mississippi and extends a total distance of approximately 0.46 miles, or approximately 2,428 feet.
3. Photographs. There are no buildings, structures or bridges along this portion of the Line. Therefore, there are no photographs of this Line.
4. Information on Structures. There are no structures located on this Line.
5. History of Operations. The Line was previously used to transport materials to the paper mill, tire plant, and manufacturing companies located along this track.
6. Engineering Documents. To the best of IC's knowledge, it does not have any relevant engineering documents for this Line.
7. Historic Criteria. IC has contacted and given notice of the proposed abandonment to The State Historic Preservation Office within the Mississippi Historical Society. See correspondence attached as **Appendix N**. The SHPO has informed IC that they have no reservations with the proposed project.
8. Ground Disturbances. IC is unaware of any possibility that archaeological resources may be in the area. Access to the line is generally good.

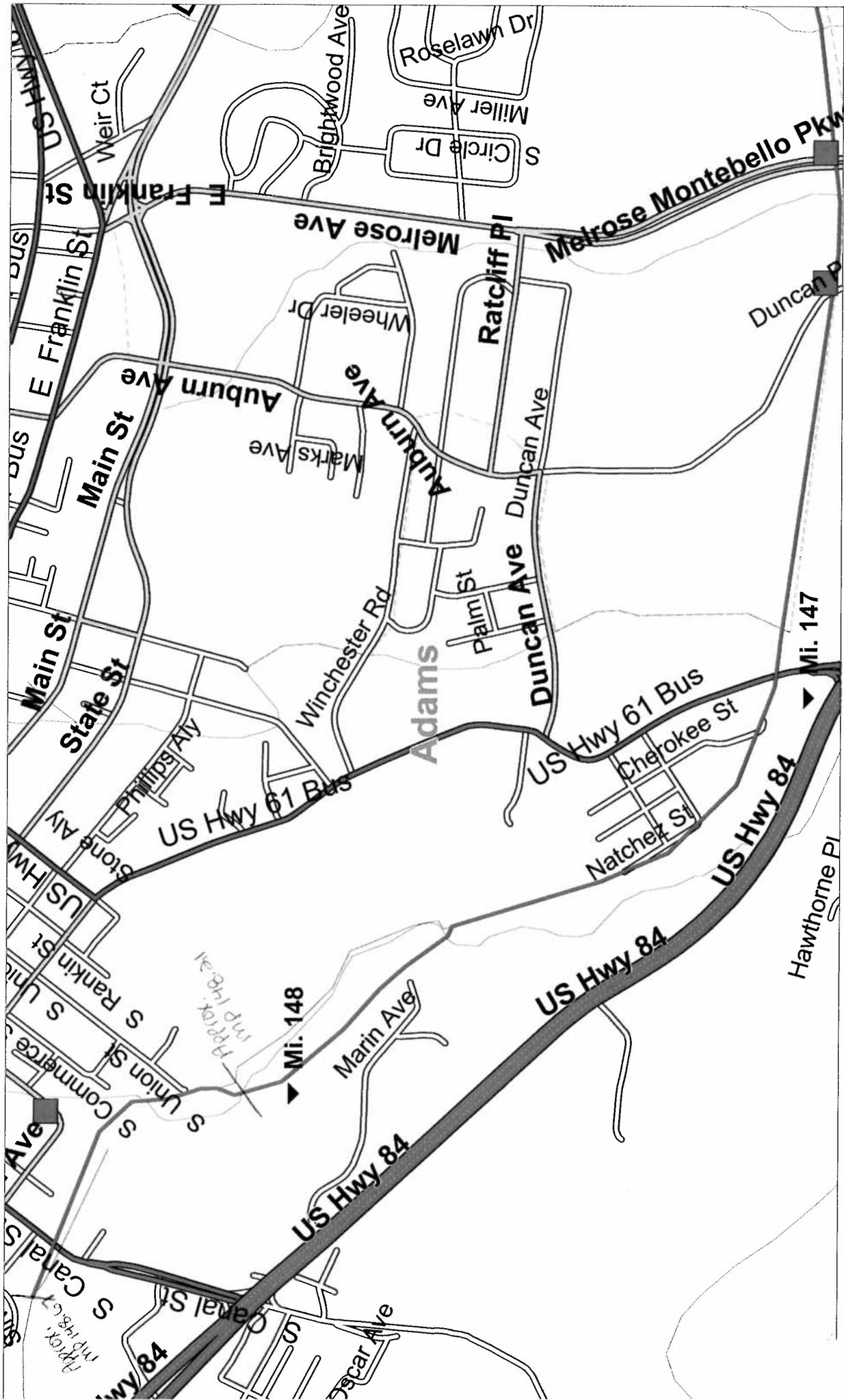
Dated: August 1, 2007

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State of Mississippi Clearinghouse
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Adams County
Natchez, Mississippi AB-43 (Sub-No.180X)

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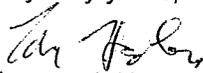
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12. The need for permits under Sections 402 or 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Because of the nature of the proposed action, we foresee no adverse effects. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your review and any comments you may wish to offer. We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible so that we may include it in the environmental report, which we will file with the STB. We intend on filing the Environmental Report in four weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.
17641 S. ASHLAND AVE.
HOMewood IL 60430 1339

DATE: JUN 27 2007

FROM: STATE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: REVIEW COMMENTS - Activity:
INTENT TO FILE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT WITH THE SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION BOARD (STB) FOR APPROVAL TO ABANDON
APPROXIMATELY 0.46 MILES OF RAILROAD LINE STARTING AT MP
148.67 AND ENDING AT MP 148.21, NATCHEZ, ADAMS COUNTY, MS

State Application Identifier Number MS070608-009

Location: ADAMS

Contact: THOMAS HEALEY

The State Clearinghouse, in cooperation with state agencies interested or possibly affected, has completed the review process for the activity described above.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS COMPLIANCE:

- () We are enclosing the comments received from the state agencies for your consideration and appropriate actions. The remaining agencies involved in the review did not have comments or recommendations to offer at this time. A copy of this letter is to be attached to the application as evidence of compliance with Executive Order 12372 review requirements.
- (✓) Conditional clearance pending Archives and History's approval.
- (✓) None of the state agencies involved in the review had comments or recommendations to offer at this time. This concludes the State Clearinghouse review, and we encourage appropriate action as soon as possible. A copy of this letter is to be attached to the application as evidence of compliance with Executive Order 12372 review requirements.
- () The review of this activity is being extended for a period not to exceed 60 days from the receipt of notification to allow adequate time for review.

COASTAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE (Coastal area activities only):

- () The activity has been reviewed and complies with the Mississippi Coastal Program. A consistency certification is to be issued by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.
- () The activity has been reviewed and does not comply with the Mississippi Coastal Program.

MS APPLICANT NO.: MS070608-009
IMPACT AREA(S): ADAMS

APPLICANT:
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1301 WOOLFOLK BLDG., SUITE E - JACKSON, MS 39201 (601) 359-6762

- THIS IS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ONLY -

STATE AGENCIES MUST REVIEW CERTAIN PROPOSALS PRIOR TO RECEIVING MISSISSIPPI INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS CLEARANCE. THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY REVIEWS ANY PROPOSALS INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION, SUCH AS A HIGHWAY OR AN APARTMENT COMPLEX FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CULTURAL RESOURCES AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION. MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL, REVIEWS APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT. THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES REVIEWS APPLICATIONS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE COASTAL PROGRAM.

IF APPLICATIONS ARE FOR PROJECTS OF LOCAL IMPACT, THEY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AT THE SAME TIME. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONE OF OUR REQUIREMENTS IS THE USE OF STANDARD FORM 424. THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION PREPARES AND DISTRIBUTES A WEEKLY LOG LISTING PERTINENT INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS FORM. OUR ADDRESS IS 1301 WOOLFOLK BLDG., SUITE E - JACKSON, MS 39201 AND OUR PHONE NUMBER IS (601)359-6762.



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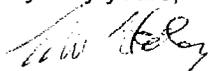
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Natchez, Mississippi AB-43 (Sub-No.180X)

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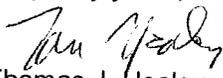
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June 5, 2007

Mr. Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Jackson, Mississippi 39269

Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Adams County
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June 20, 2007

Thomas J. Healey
Counsel – Regulatory
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U.S. Legal Affairs
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Dear Mr. Healey:

This is in response to your letter dated June 5, 2007 concerning the abandonment of MP 148.67 to MP 148.21 in Natchez, Mississippi. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service does not foresee any adverse effects resulting from this action.

Please contact our agency if you require further technical information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Homer L. Wilkes
State Conservationist

Cc: Tom Kilpatrick, Acting State Soil Scientist, NRCS, Jackson, MS



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Steve Oiranki, Director
Coastal Zone Management Agency
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Adams County
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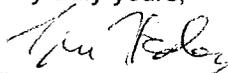
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DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

June 18, 2007

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Illinois Central Railroad Company
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RE: DMR-070636; Sub-No. 180X

Dear Mr. Healey:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has received a request to review the proposed abandonment of approximately 0.46 miles of railroad line in Adams County, Mississippi. The Department has no objections provided there are no direct or indirect impacts to wetlands and no coastal program agency objects to the proposal. If wetland impacts are anticipated, an application should be submitted to this office for review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact me at the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4111 or jennifer.clark@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Clark", is written over a faint, larger version of the same name.

Jennifer Clark
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Adams County
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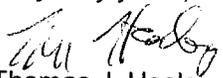
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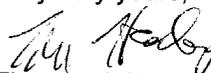
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<i>David Felde</i>	
Environmental Coordinator	
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1505 Eastover Drive
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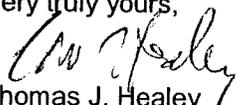
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Mr. Paul Labovitz, Superintendent
National Park Service
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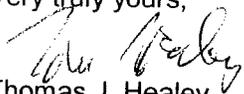
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VICKSBURG DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

4155 CLAY STREET

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

June 13, 2007

Operations Division

SUBJECT: Illinois Central Railroad Company - Proposed abandonment of approximately 0.46 miles of railroad line (MP 148.67 to MP 148.21), Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi

Mr. Thomas J. Healey
Illinois Central Railroad Company
17641 South Ashland Avenue
Homewood, Illinois 60430-1339

Dear Mr. Healey:

We received your correspondence, subject as above, on June 11, 2007. While we are working diligently to reply to you in a timely manner, please be aware that this office is experiencing an unusually heavy workload at this time. For ease of reference, we assigned your correspondence identification number MVK-2007-685. Please refer to this number should you write or call us about your request.

If you have any questions about the status of your request, please call this office at (601) 631-5064 or (601) 631-7071.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth P. Mosley".

Kenneth P. Mosley
Regulatory Branch



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Mr. James Palmer, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Adams County
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Mr. H.T. Holmes
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Jackson, MS 39205-0571

Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Adams County
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July 6, 2007

Mr. Thomas J. Healey
Illinois Central Railroad
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RE: Proposed Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Natchez,
AB-43 (Sub-No. 180X), MDAH Project Log #06-045-07, Adams County

Dear Mr. Griffith:

We have reviewed your request for a cultural resources assessment, received on June 8, 2007, for the above referenced project in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After reviewing the information provided, it is our determination that no known cultural resources will be affected. Therefore, we have no reservations with the proposed project.

Should there be additional work in connection with the project, or any changes in the scope of work, please let us know in order that we may provide you with appropriate comments in compliance with the above referenced regulations.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim".

Jim Woodrick
Review and Compliance Officer

FOR: H.T. Holmes
State Historic Preservation Officer

c: Clearinghouse for Federal Programs