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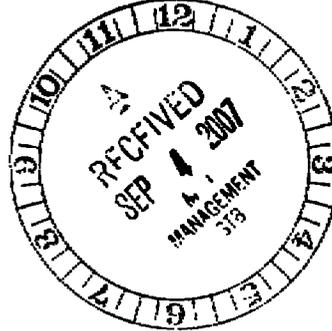
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20424-0001

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

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of the Verified Notice of Exemption of Illinois Central Railroad Company dated August 31, 2007, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. I am also enclosing a check in the amount of \$3,200.00, representing the appropriate fee for this filing.

One extra copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed as well. Please date stamp this copy to show receipt and return it to me in the enclosed envelope.

The Environmental and Historic Reports for this proceeding have already been filed with the Board. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for
Illinois Central Railroad Company

Encls.

cc: Steven Edwards, Mississippi Department of Transportation

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
— ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION —
IN ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

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ATTORNEY FOR
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RAILROAD COMPANY

Dated: August 31, 2007

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-43 (Sub-No. 180X)

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

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") hereby submits this Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, to abandon its line of railroad in Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi, referred to herein as the "Line" between milepost 148.67 and milepost 148.21, a distance of 0.46 miles.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2), IC submits the following information:

General Corporation Information: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1)-(2)

IC is a Class I common carrier by rail which owns and operates approximately 2,550 miles of rail line in six Midwestern and south central states. IC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company. The complete name and address of IC is:

Illinois Central Railroad Company
17641 S. Ashland Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430-1345

Relief Sought: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)

Pursuant to the Board's class exemption for the abandonment of out-of-service rail lines, codified at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, IC intends to abandon its line of railroad between Mileposts 148.67 and 148.21, a distance of approximately 0.46 miles in Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi.

Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)

A map of the Line to be abandoned is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IC's Representative: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)

IC's representative to whom correspondence regarding this abandonment should be sent is:

Thomas J. Healey
17641 S. Ashland Avenue
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(708) 332-4381

ZIP Codes Traversed: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8)

The portion of the Line to be abandoned traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code 39120.

Qualification for Class Exemption: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)

Per the certificate and verification attached hereto as Exhibit B, IC certifies that no local revenue traffic has moved over the portion of the Line to be abandoned for at least the last two years, there is no overhead traffic on this Line that would have to be rerouted over other lines, and no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the portion of the Line to be abandoned (or a state or local governmental entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service on the proposed abandonment is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant during the last two years.

Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

IC will not consummate the proposed abandonment any earlier than October 31, 2007.

Suitability for Other Public Purposes: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)

The Line may be suitable as a trail. IC does not believe that the right-of-way would be of interest to the State or any other entity as a highway or mass transportation line or other similar public use because it sits in a highly developed urban area with a mature roadway system.

Labor Protection: 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(d)(2)

The level of labor protection applicable in rail line abandonments is that established in *Oregon Short Line Co. — Abandonment — Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Certificate of Compliance with Notice Requirements: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

A certificate that the notice of requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152(d)(1) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Environmental and Historic Report: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8

An Environmental Report and Historic Report, prepared pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8, was already filed with the Surface Transportation Board in this proceeding.

Since submitting the Environmental Report and Historic Report, IC has received correspondence from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. They believe that the proposed abandonment will not have an impact on coastal wetlands. See correspondence attached as Exhibit D.

If IC receives additional correspondence, it will forward copies to the STB.

Respectfully submitted,

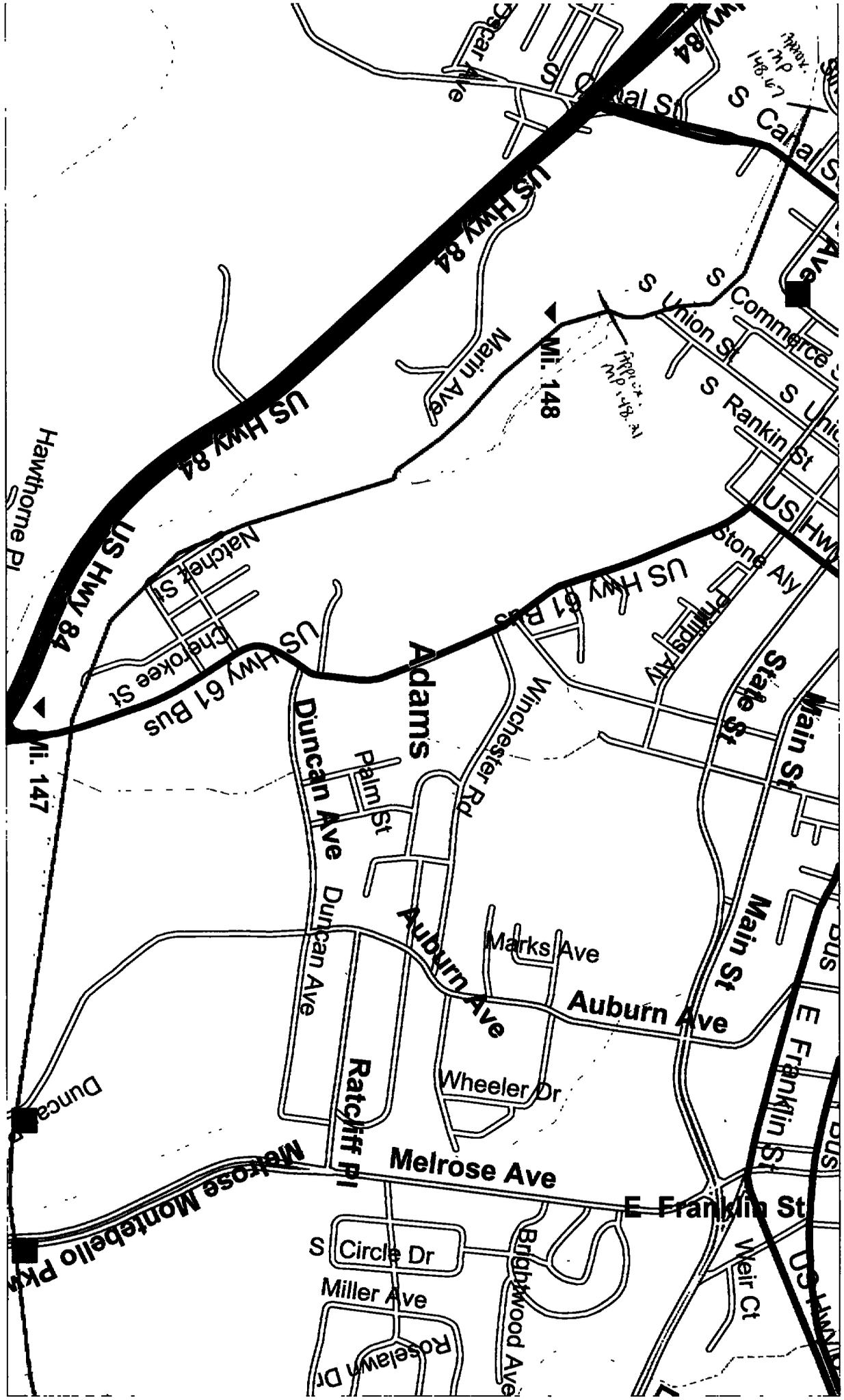
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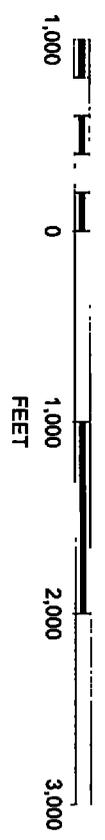
Dated: August 31, 2007

Illinois Central Railroad Co., Natchez, MS

EXHIBIT A



SCALE 1 : 12,000



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

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

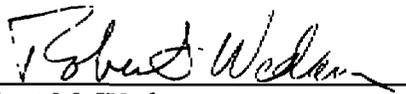
CERTIFICATE AND VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss
COUNTY OF COOK)

Robert M. Wedam, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That no local traffic has moved over the line of Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") from milepost 148.67 to 148.21, a distance of 0.46 miles in Natchez, Adams County, Mississippi, for at least two years, and that there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted over other lines; and
2. That no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the subject line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the last two years; and
3. That he has read the foregoing Notice of Exemption, knows the facts therein asserted, and that the same are true as stated.

Date: August 31, 2007


Robert M. Wedam
Senior Manager – Network Strategies
Illinois Central Railroad Company

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this ___ day of
August, 2007.

Notary Public

EXHIBIT B

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas J. Healey, an attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company, hereby certify that, for the proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board known as Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 180X), Illinois Central Railroad Company — Abandonment Exemption — in Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi:

(1) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) have been complied with, to-wit: On August 10, 2007, written notice was mailed to the: (a) Mississippi Department of Transportation; (b) U.S. Department of Defense, MTMCTEA; (c) U.S. Department of Agriculture; and (d) National Center for Recreation and Conservation (copies of which are attached hereto as Attachments 1-4).

(2) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with, to wit: On August 1, 2007, the Environmental Report and Historic Report for this proceeding, which reports have also been filed with the Surface Transportation Board, and the accompanying transmittal letters in the form set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 (a sample of which is attached hereto as Attachment 5) were served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties listed on Attachment 6, which list includes the state historic preservation officer, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) and § 1105.11.

(3) 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

EXHIBIT C

procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notice and Affidavit of Publication are attached to this Certificate as Attachment 7.



Thomas J. Healey

Dated: August 31, 2007



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August 10, 2007

Mr. Steven Edwards
Mississippi Department of Transportation
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Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 180X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
Notice of Exemption in Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Edwards:

This is to inform you that pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service and Trackage Rights), Illinois Central Railroad Company shall on or after August 31, 2007, file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board for approval to abandon approximately 0.46 mile of railroad line between milepost 148.67 and milepost 148.21 in Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi. Such line runs through U.S. Postal Zip Code 39120.

The exemption procedures set forth in § 1152.50 are being used in this case because no local traffic has moved over this line for at least two years and any potential overhead traffic on this line can be rerouted over other lines. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

Sincerely,

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United States Department of Defense
MTMCTEA
Attn: Railroads for National Defense
720 Thimble Shoals Blvd., Suite 130
Newport News, VA 23606-2574

Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 180X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
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Dear Sir/Madam:

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Washington, DC 20250

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

Dear Mr. Bosworth:

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Washington, D.C. 20420

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

Dear Mr. Ross:

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August 1, 2007

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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**Mr. James Palmer, Regional Administrator
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Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
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**Steve Oiranki, Director
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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
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County Board Supervisor, Chair
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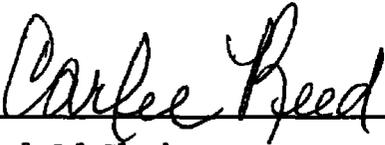
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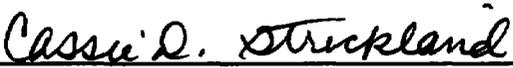
Before the undersigned authority of said county, personally appeared Carlee Reed the clerk of a public newspaper, printed and published in the City of Natchez, and county aforesaid, called The Natchez Democrat, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that the publication of this notice hereto affixed 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


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
My commission expires the 17th of December, 2007



ATTACHMENT 7

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, gives notice that on or after July 10, 2007, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1162. Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of approximately 0.45 miles of railroad line between milepost 148.67 and milepost 148.21 in Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, which line traverses through U.S. Postal Zone Code 39120. The proceeding will be docketed as AB-43 (Sub No. 1600). The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 30 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 in the public docket. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the SEA, Surface Transportation Board, 395 S. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 948-0244. 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/trail use also can be filed with the Board. Questions regarding offer of financial assistance, public use, and offer of financial assistance must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 S. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423 0007, (202) 948-0244, 1104.11(a) and 1104.12(a) and one copy must be served on applicant's representative. (See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)). Questions regarding offer of financial assistance, public use, or trail use may be directed to the Commission's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 245-0244. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative Thomas J. Healey, (708) 332-4361 at 17641 S. Ashland Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430. L4306



**MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

August 22, 2007

Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
395 E. Street, SW
Washington D.C. 20423-0001

RE: DMR-080097; Illinois Central Railroad Company- Abandonment Exemption- in Adams County, MS; STB Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 180X)

To whom it may concern:

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 a proposed Notice for Exemption by the Illinois Central Railroad Company to abandon .46 miles of railroad track located in Adams County, Mississippi, running from Milepost 148.67 to Milepost 148.21. Based on the proposal as submitted, it appears that there will be no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands; therefore, the Department has no objections to the proposed abandonment. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact James Davis with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at 228-523-4115 or James.Davis@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willa Henriksen", written over a horizontal line.

Willa Henriksen
Bureau Director, Wetlands Permitting

WH/jd

CC: Thomas J. Healey

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