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Re: CSXT Abandonment in Limestone County, Alabama  
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub.-No. 602X)

Dear Secretary:

This request is filed on Behalf of the Limestone County Parks and Recreation Board, which is a separate corporation established by the Limestone County, Alabama, Commission, hereinafter referred to as "proponent."

Proponent requests issuance of an Interim Trail Use Condition rather than an outright abandonment authorization of 0.56 miles in Athens, Limestone County, Alabama.

The railroad right-of-way in this proceeding is suitable for railbanking. Accordingly, proponent makes the following request: The Limestone County Parks and Recreation Board is willing to assume financial responsibility for the aforementioned right-of-way in Limestone County, Alabama, and will use the same in furtherance of its' Rails to Trails project.

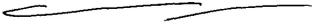
In order to establish interim trail use and railbanking under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 CFR §1152.29, the Limestone County Park and Recreation Board is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of (unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned by and operated CSX Transportation.

The property extends from railroad milepost 000-290.2 to railroad milepost 000-290.76, a distance of 0.56 miles in Athens, Limestone County, Alabama. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 602X).

A map depicting the right-of-way is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Limestone County Parks and Recreation Board acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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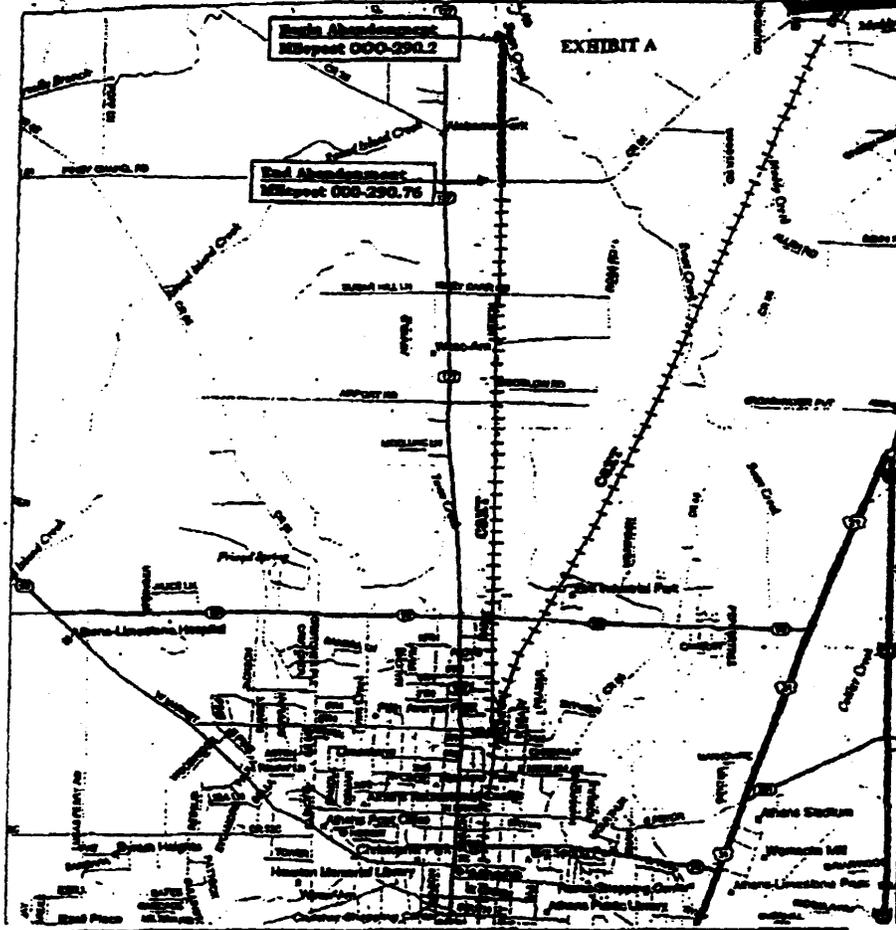
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing upon CSX Transportation, Asset management, attention Stephanie M. Lemmon, 500 Water Street (J200), Jacksonville, Florida 32202, by depositing a copy of same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid.

Dated this 20 day of November, 2002.

  
Of Counsel

EXHIBIT  
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CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.  
 PORTION OF  
 ALABAMA  
 A0 55 (602x)  
 0.56-mile of track to be abandoned