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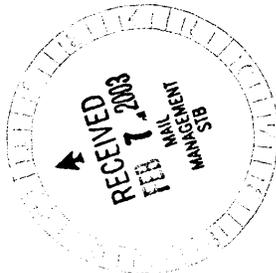
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 627X)
CSX Transportation, Inc.-Abandonment
Exemption in Floyd County, KY

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Notice for Exemption to Abandon, filed on January 17, 2003, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice for Exemption to Abandon was printed in the Floyd County Times, a paper of general circulation, on January 15, 2003.

Very truly yours,

Natalie S. Rosenberg
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Enclosures

- Application No. _____

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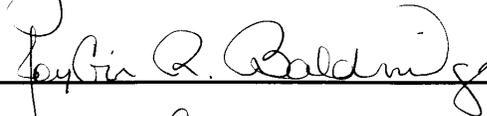
I, **Jay C. Shepherd**, of **The Floyd County Times**, published at **Prestonsburg** and having the largest general circulation of any newspaper in **Floyd County, Kentucky**, do hereby certify that from my own knowledge and a check of the files of this newspaper that the advertisement of Notice of Exemption to abandon a line of Railroad for CSX Transportation

was inserted in **The Floyd County Times** on the following dates:

Date: 1/15-03 Page No. BB Column No. 2-3
Date: _____ Page No. _____ Column No. _____
Date: _____ Page No. _____ Column No. _____
Date: _____ Page No. _____ Column No. _____

Signature: 

Subscribed and sworn to before me by **Jay C. Shepherd** this the 29th day of January, 2003.

Notary Public: 

My Commission Expires: 8/16/05

**NOTICE OF
EXEMPTION
TO ABANDON
A LINE OF
RAILROAD**

CSX Transportation, Inc. gives notice that on or about January 17, 2003, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F6Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of a 13.4 mile line of railroad in the Central Region, known as its Appalachian Division, Long Fork Subdivision, between railroad Milepost CON 3.1 at Salisbury, Kentucky, and railroad Milepost CON 16.5 at the end of track near Clear Creek Junction, Kentucky. The line traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 41649, 41631, 41647, 41636, 41604 and 41606 in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 627X).

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 for abandonment 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 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, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters such as trails use, public use and offers of financial 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, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202).