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RE: Docket No. 565 (Sub-No. 11X), *New York Central Lines, LLC-
Abandonment Exemption-in Lake County, OH*
~~Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.-Discontinuance of
Service Exemption-in Lake County, OH*~~

Dear Secretary Williams:

CSX Transportation, Inc. for itself and as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT") pursuant to and in compliance with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), notifies the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") that as of December 29, 2004, it has canceled its tariffs and abandoned rail service over the 2.56-mile line between Painesville and Grand River, OH (the "Line"). CSXT will reclassify the Line upon consummation of the abandonment and lease it to the Ohio Rail Development Corporation ("ORDC"). Upon termination of the lease and prior to salvage of the Line, CSXT will comply with conditions 4, 5, and 6 imposed in the Board's decision served on January 31, 2003.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

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