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Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 20X)
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption
-- Line In Jefferson Parish, LA

To Consulting Agencies:

On or about May 12, 2006, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, Subpart F, seeking to abandon 0.71 miles of railroad track located in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, running from Milepost 862.14 (near Turnbull Drive) to Milepost 862.85 (near Causeway Blvd.) (the "Line"). The Line, formerly owned by Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Co. ("L&A"), a predecessor of KCSR, traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 70001. A map that delineates the Line is attached as Exhibit 1.

Pursuant to the STB's regulations at 49 C.F.R. §1105, KCSR will prepare and file an environmental and historic report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects. In preparation of these reports, KCSR is seeking your input and comment. At this time and based on information in KCSR's possession, KCSR does not anticipate any adverse environmental or historic effects. Likewise, based on known information in KCSR's possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

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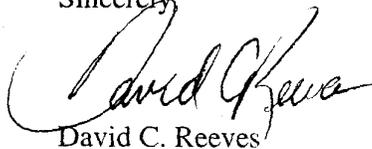
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If you have any information regarding the environmental and historic impacts of the proposed abandonment that you desire to provide to KCSR before issuance of the environmental and historic report, please provide them to me as KCSR's representative by e-mail at: dreeves@bakerandmiller.com; by mail at: David C. Reeves, Esq., Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; by FAX at: (202) 663-7849; or by TEL at: (202) 663-7824.

Regardless of whether or not you provide any comments at this time, a copy of the environmental and historic report will be mailed to you at least 21 days before KCSR files its Notice of Exemption. You will be given an opportunity to provide comment on that report at that time. That report and any comments that you provide at that time will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please review the regulations, contact me, or the STB's Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 565-1545.

Sincerely,



David C. Reeves

Enclosure

cc: Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
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AIR LINE HIGHWAY
 PROPOSED 3,754.4 FT. (0.71 MILES)
 TRACK ABANDONMENT

STA. 15753+50 = M.P. 862.14
 BEGIN PROP. ABANDONMENT

STA. 15791+04.4 = M.P. 862.85
 END PROP. ABANDONMENT
 To New Orleans

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LEGEND

RED - TRACK ABANDONMENT

