



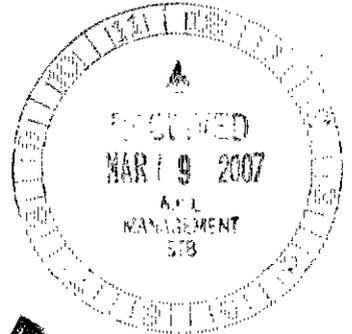
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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 Surface Transportation Board
 395 East St. SW
 Washington, D. C. 20423

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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 672X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
 Abandonment Exemption—in Manatee County, FL*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of a Verified Notice of Exemption for abandonment in the above-entitled proceeding and a check for the filing fee of \$3,100. In the event you receive this filing before March 9, 2007, I respectfully request that you hold it for filing until March 9, 2007.

Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

Steven C. Armbrust

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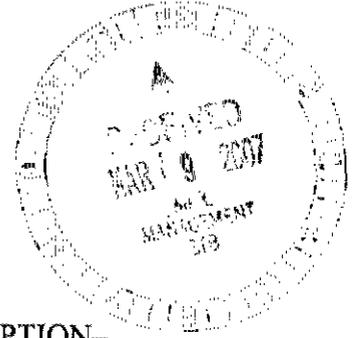
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BEFORE THE
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CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN MANATEE COUNTY, FL

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Dated: March 9, 2007

BEFORE THE
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Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 672X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN MANATEE COUNTY, FL

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 for CSXT to abandon a 0.66-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Palmetto Subdivision, from Railroad Milepost SWC 871.0 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost 871.66, known as the west end of the Parrish Spur, City of Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida (the “Line”). No local or overhead rail traffic has moved over the Line during the past two years.

1. Proposed consummation date. The proposed consummation date is April 30, 2007.

2. Certification required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b). See Exhibit A.

3. Information required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1) through (4), (7), and (8), and (e)(4).
 - (a) *General.*
 - (1) Exact name of applicant. CSX Transportation, Inc.

(2) Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C.

Subtitle IV, Chapter 105. CSXT is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

(3) Relief sought. CSXT seeks to use the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 to abandon a 0.66-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Palmetto Subdivision, from Railroad Milepost SWC 871.0 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost 871.66, known as the west end of the Parrish Spur, City of Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida. No stations will be impacted by the proposed abandonment.

(4) Map. See Exhibit B.

(7) Name, title, and address of representative of applicant to whom

correspondence should be sent. Steven C. Armbrust, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water St., J-150, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202 (fax: 904-245-3357).

(8) List of all United States Postal Service ZIP Codes that the line proposed for abandonment traverses. The Line traverses ZIP Code 34221.

(e) Rural and community impact. Statement of whether the properties proposed to be abandoned are appropriate for use for other public purposes; including roads and highways, other

forms of mass transportation, conservation, energy production or transmission, or recreation. If the applicant is aware of any restriction on the title to the property, including any reversionary interest, which would affect the transfer of title or the use of property for other than rail purposes, this shall be disclosed.

CSXT believes that the properties proposed for abandonment may be suitable for other purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect transfer of title for other than rail purposes.

4. The level of labor protection. The interests of railroad employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment will be adequately protected by the labor protective conditions in Oregon Short Line R. Co. -- Abandonment -- Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

5. Certification. Certificates of compliance with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(1), 1105.11 and 1105.12 may be found in Exhibit C (Certificate of Service; Certificate of Publication), Exhibit D (Certificate of Distribution of Environmental Report) and Exhibit E (Certificate of Distribution of Historical Report).

6. Environmental Report, etc. See Exhibit D. Based on information in the possession of CSXT, 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.

7. Historic Report. See Exhibit E.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven C. Armbrust, Esq.

CSX Transportation, Inc.

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Counsel for: CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.

Dated: March 7, 2007

EXHIBIT A

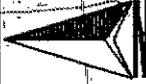
**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION THAT RAIL LINE MEETS
CRITERIA OF 49 C.F.R. SECTION 1152.50(b)**

[See attached]

EXHIBIT B

MAP

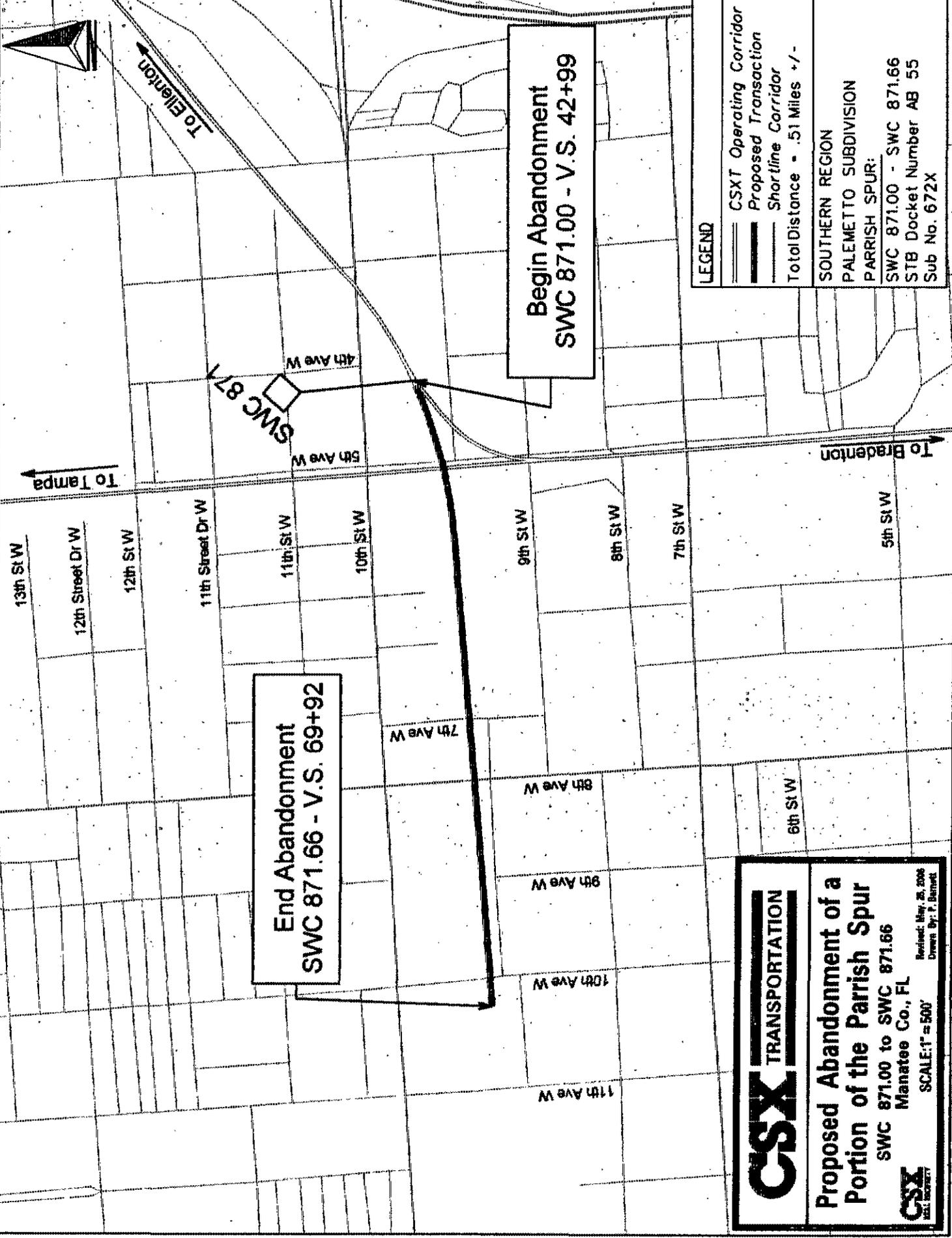
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To Elation

To Tampa

To Bradenton



End Abandonment
 SWC 871.66 - V.S. 69+92

Begin Abandonment
 SWC 871.00 - V.S. 42+99

LEGEND

- CSXT Operating Corridor
- Proposed Transaction
- Shortline Corridor
- Total Distance = .51 Miles +/-

SOUTHERN REGION
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 PARRISH SPUR:
 SWC 871.00 - SWC 871.66
 STB Docket Number AB 55
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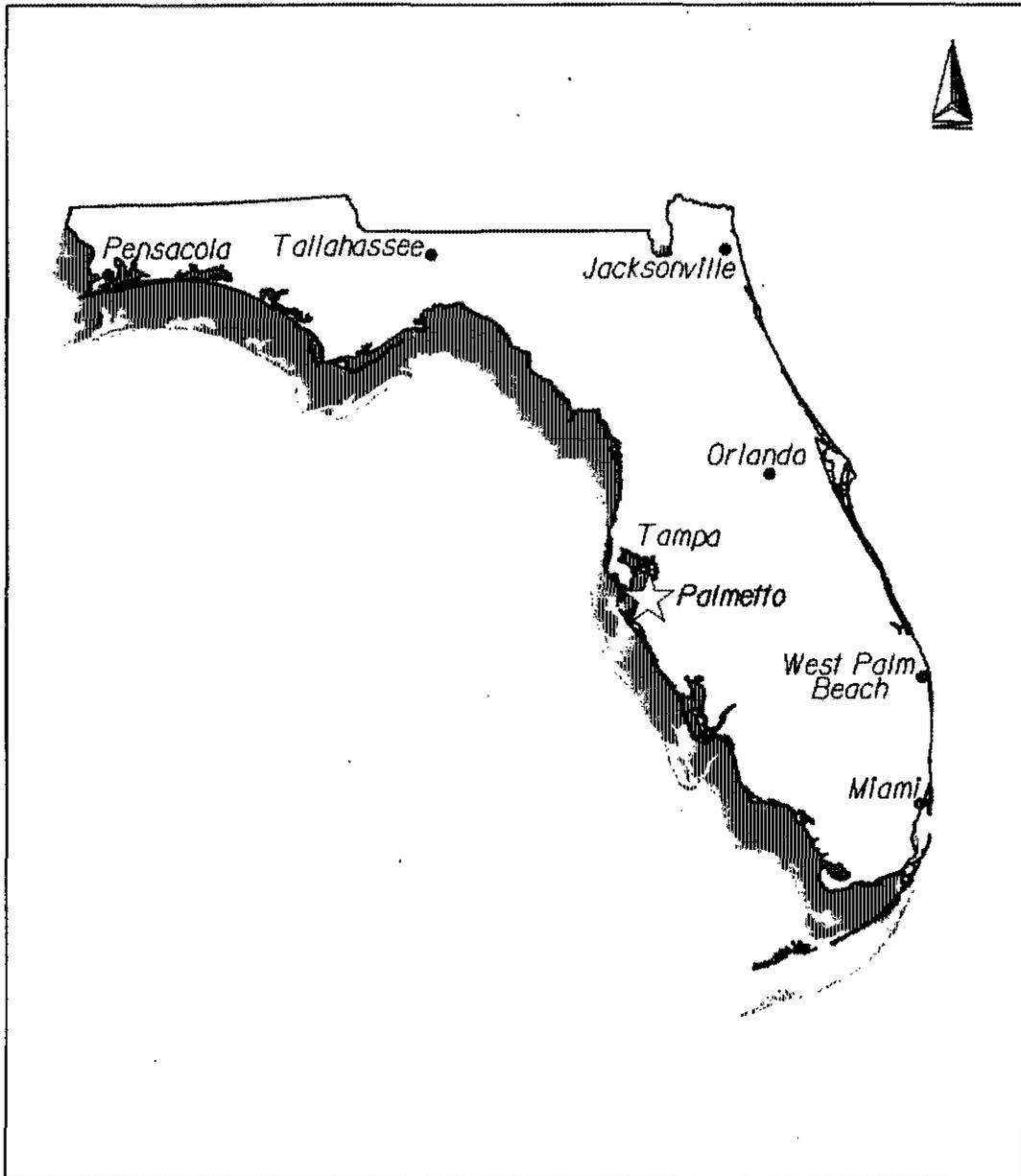
CSX TRANSPORTATION

Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of the Parrish Spur

SWC 871.00 to SWC 871.66
 Manatee Co., FL

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AREA MAP

Proposed Abandonment of .51 Miles +/-
STB Docket No. AB 55 - Sub. No. 672X
Manatee County, Florida

EXHIBIT C

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AND PUBLICATION

[See attached]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (d) (1), the undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 672X) was mailed via first class mail on February 26, 2007, to the following parties:

State Public Service Commission

Florida Public Service Commission
Attn: Chairman Lisa Polak Edgar
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency

SDDCTEA
ATTN: Railroads for National Defense
720 Thimble Shoals Blvd.
Suite 130
Newport News, Virginia 23606-2574

National Park Service

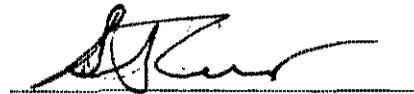
Mr. D. Thomas Ross
Assistant Director
U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service (Org code 2220)
Recreation and Conservation
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240-0001

National Park Service

U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
Land Resources Division
1201 Eye St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
4th Floor N.W., Auditors' Building
14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

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Steven C. Armbrust
March 7, 2007

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 672X) was advertised on March 3, 2007 in the Herald-Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Manatee County, Florida, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12.



Steven C. Armbrust
March 7, 2007

EXHIBIT D
ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

[See attached]

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Environmental Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 672X) was mailed via first class mail on February 9, 2007 to the following parties:

Ms. Teree Sutton
Manatee County Planning Department
1112 Manatee Avenue, West
Bradenton, FL 34205

Ms. Carol Clarke
Manatee County Planning Department
1112 Manatee Avenue, West
Bradenton, FL 34205

Mr. Jim Staples
Manatee County Land Acquisition Division
1022 26th Avenue East
Bradenton, FL 34208

Mr. Rick Hartman
City of Palmetto Planning Department
516 8th Avenue, West
Palmetto, FL 34221

Mr. Jim Free
City of Palmetto - CRA
715 4th St W
Palmetto, FL 34221

Ms. Tanya Lukowiak, Executive Director
City of Palmetto - CRA
715 4th St W
Palmetto, FL 34221
United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399

U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish & Wildlife Service
Endangered Species Field Station
6620 Southpoint Dr, South
Suite 310
Jacksonville, FL 32216

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jacksonville District
701 San Marco Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32207-0019

USDA – NRCS
Sarasota Service Center
6942 Professional Parkway East
Sarasota, FL 34240-8426

State of Florida Clearinghouse
The Department of Community Affairs
Executive Office of the Governor - OPB
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Florida Department of Transportation
Attn: Manager Rail Bureau
605 Suwannee Street
Mail Station 25
Tallahassee, FL 32399

National Park Service – Southeast Region
Attn: Regional Director
100 Alabama Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Florida Coastal Management Program
Attn: Executive Director
Florida Department of Community Affairs
2740 Centerview Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOAA – VIA EMAIL

National Geodetic Service (NOAA) at 'NGS.InfoCenter@noaa.gov' (via email)

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Steven C. Armbrust

March 7, 2007

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO. 672X)
CITY OF PALMETTO, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7:

(1) PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSXT proposes to abandon approximately 0.66-mile of its rail operation between from Railroad Milepost SWC 871.0 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost 871.66, known as the west end of the Parrish Spur, City of Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida.

The above referenced 0.66-mile line has not generated any originating or terminating traffic in over two years.

Furthermore, CSX Real Estate is currently working with local municipalities, at their request, for a land sale transaction post abandonment.

Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the rail, crossties, and possibly the upper layer of ballast. CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub grade or sub grade structures. Finally, the operations and maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the operating loss and capital costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

Two maps, which delineate the proposed project, are attached. (See Attachments 1 and 2.)

(2) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no CSXT passenger or freight traffic on this line.
There will be no effect on existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns.

(3) LAND USE

- (i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant has not received a response to its inquiries dated January 24, 2007 to Ms. Teree Sutton of the Manatee County Planning Department, Mr. Rick Hartman of the City of Palmetto Planning Department, Mr. Jim Free of the City of Palmetto Planning Department or Ms. Tanya Lukowiak of the City of Palmetto Planning Department seeking information regarding this statement. (See Attachments 3, 4, 5, and 6.)

Applicant received a fax response dated January 30, 2007 from Mr. Jim Staples, Manager of Land Acquisition Division – Manatee County Government stating "Regarding your letter dated January 24, 2007 on the above subject matter, Carol Clarke, Planning Department Director, should be able to provide you with the information you need." (See Attachment 7.)

Since the line segment is proposed to be a post abandonment sale to the City of Palmetto for development, Applicant does not feel that the proposed action is inconsistent with local and/or regional plans.

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.**

Applicant has not received a response to its inquiry dated January 24, 2007 to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service for Lake County, Florida, seeking information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 8.)

While some prime farmland may exist in the vicinity of this project, Applicant feels the simple removal of track material should not have an adverse impact.

- (iii) **If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9.**

Applicant received a response dated January 30, 2007 from Ms. Sally Mann, Director of the Florida Coastal Management Program stating *"Based on the information contained in the notice and minimal project impacts, the state has determined that the proposed activities are consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program."* (See Attachment 9.)

- (iv) **If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right of way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.**

The properties, proposed to be abandoned, may be suitable for other public purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect the transfer of title for other than rail purposes.

(4) ENERGY

- (i) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the transportation of energy resources.

- (ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

- (iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

The proposed action will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

- (iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

There will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage in excess of the above thresholds.

(5) AIR

- (i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act; and will it result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of a least 50% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of a least 20% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased

emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity, the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restriction); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

Not applicable.

(6) NOISE

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more, or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(7) SAFETY

- (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).

Applicant believes that the abandonment will result in an improvement to public health and safety by the elimination of five (5) public road crossings.

- (ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on

derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.

Not applicable.

- (iii) **If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right of way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.**

Applicant's records indicate that there has been one incident involving a release of a hazardous material.

On December 21, 2000 (Incident Number 0036303), a CSX high-rail boom truck attempting to mount the tracks at the 5th Avenue West crossing had a hydraulic oil filter rupture which released approximately five (5) gallons of hydraulic oil on the crossing. Railroad forces cleaned the release with sorbant pads.

Applicant's records do not indicate any hazardous waste sites located on the line segment.

(8) BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (i) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.**

Applicant received a response dated February 12, 2007 from Mr. Todd Mecklenborg of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service stating "*The proposed action will have "No Involvement" in regards to Endangered or Threatened Species, designated Critical Habitat, or National Wildlife Refuges.*" (See Attachment 10.)

- (ii) **State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the line segment does not appear to be near any parks, wildlife sanctuaries, refuges, or forests.

(9) WATER

- (i) **Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant has not received a response to its inquiry dated January 24, 2007, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Indianapolis, Tallahassee, Florida. requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 11.)

Applicant does not contemplate any action known to be inconsistent with federal, state and/or local water quality standards. Any necessary permits or applications will be obtained as well as compliance with conditions or procedures required by regulatory agencies.

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its inquiry dated January 24, 2007, to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville, Florida, requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 12.)

Applicant is not aware of any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains within the proposed project.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. Applicant does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion

of the soil, and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways. Based upon this course of action, Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

- (iii) **State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required).**

Applicant has not received a response to its inquiry dated January 24, 2007, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 in Atlanta, Georgia, requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 13.)

Based upon the course of action described in Section 9 (ii), Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

10. MITIGATION

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Applicant does not anticipate any adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment, however, if mitigation is necessary, Applicant will comply with State and Federal regulations and obtain any necessary permits required.

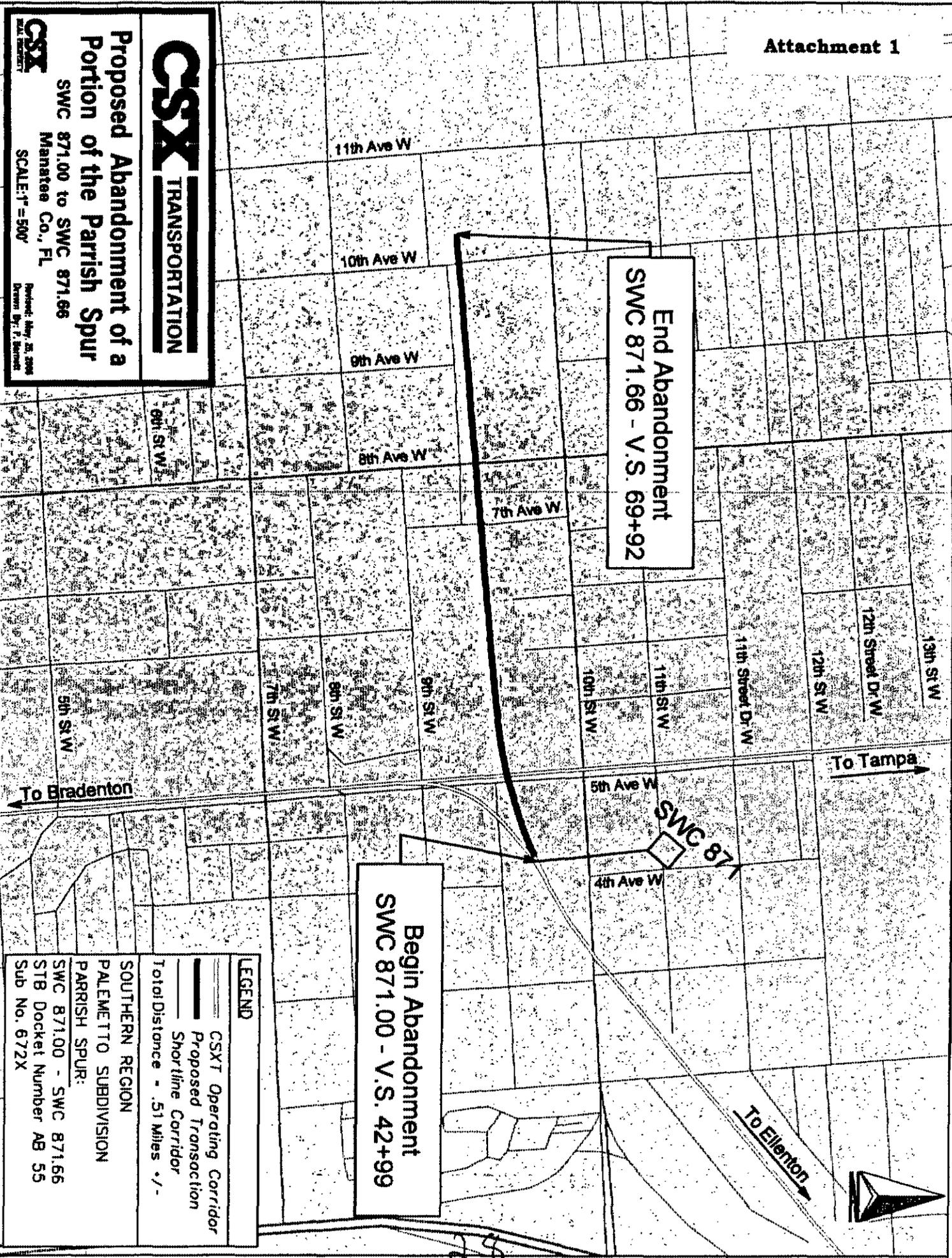
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SWC 871.00 to SWC 871.66
 Manatee Co., FL

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Revised: May 25, 2006
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LEGEND

CSXT Operating Corridor

Proposed Transaction

Shortline Corridor

Total Distance - .51 Miles +/-

SOUTHERN REGION

PALEMETTO SUBDIVISION

PARRISH SPUR:

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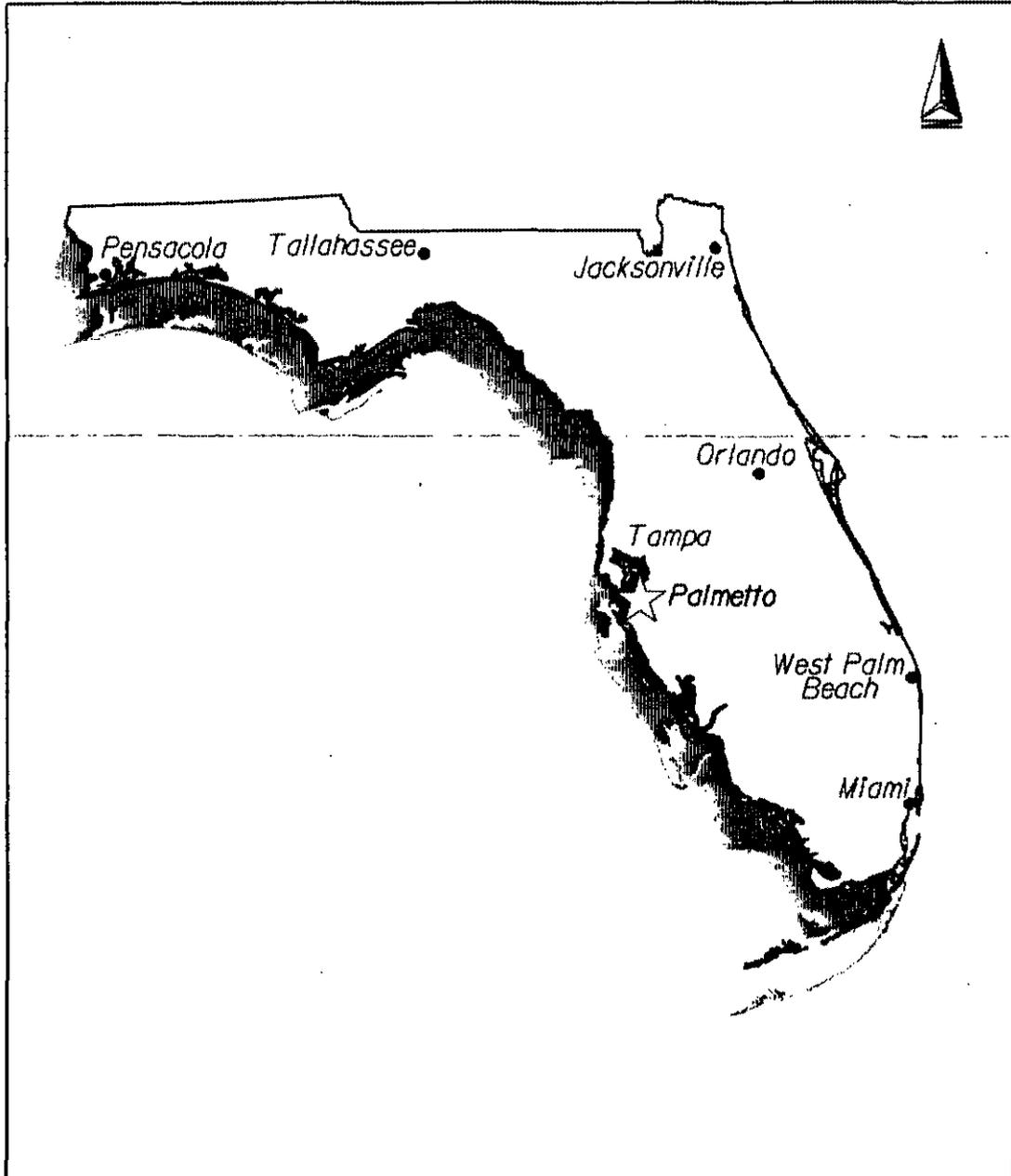
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AREA MAP

Proposed Abandonment of .51 Miles +/-
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Manatee County, Florida

SOUTHERN REGION - JACKSONVILLE DIVISION - PALMETTO SUBDIVISION



TRANSPORTATION
Dave Geraci
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Attachment 3

January 24, 2007

Ms. Terec Sutton
Manatee County Planning Department
1112 Manatee Avenue, West
Bradenton, FL 34205

Dear Ms. Sutton:

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. is considering abandonment of a portion of its rail line in Palmetto from Railroad Milepost SWC 871.0 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost SWC 871.66, known as the west end of the Parrish Spur in Manatee County, Florida as depicted on the attached map.

The proposed action will have no adverse impact on the current customers served on the east portion of this line segment.

This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(3)(i) require that we develop a response to the following statement:

"Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies."

I would appreciate your advice as to the existence of a long-range comprehensive planning map for Manatee County and the line's relationship to such planning.

Enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action.

Sincerely,

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TRANSPORTATION
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Attachment 4

January 24, 2007

Mr. Rick Hartman
City of Palmetto Planning Department
516 8th Avenue, West
Palmetto, FL 34221

Dear Mr. Hartman:

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Sincerely,

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Attachment 5

January 24, 2007

Mr. Jim Free
City of Palmetto - CRA
715 4th St W
Palmetto, FL 34221

Dear Mr. Free:

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This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(3)(i) require that we develop a response to the following statement:

"Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies."

I would appreciate your advice as to the existence of a long-range comprehensive planning map for the City of Palmetto and the line's relationship to such planning.

Enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action.

Sincerely,

Attachment



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Attachment 6

January 24, 2007

Ms. Tanya Lukowiak, Executive Director
City of Palmetto - CRA
715 4th St W
Palmetto, FL 34221

Dear Ms. Lukowiak:

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Attachment 8

January 24, 2007

USDA - NRCS
Sarasota Service Center
6942 Professional Parkway East
Sarasota, FL 34240-8426

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"Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land."

Please advise if any of the land contiguous to CSXT's line in the project area is classified as prime agriculture land.

Enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action.

Sincerely,



Attachment



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Charlie Crist
Governor

Jeff Kottkamp
Lt. Governor

Michael W. Sole
Secretary - Designee

Attachment 9

January 30, 2007

Mr. Dave Geraci, Manager
Network Rationalization
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street, J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: Intermodal Surface Transportation Board – CSX Transportation, Inc. –
Proposed Abandonment of the West End of the Parrish Spur Rail-Line –
Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida.
SAI # FL200701303034C

Dear Mr. Geraci:

Florida State Clearinghouse staff, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321, 4331-4335, 4341-4347, as amended, has reviewed the referenced Parrish Spur abandonment notice.

Based on the information contained in the notice and minimal project impacts, the state has determined that the proposed activities are consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program. In addition, if land disturbance is minimized during rail track removal, a state environmental resource permit will not be required in accordance with Rule 40D-4.051, *Florida Administrative Code*.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Lauren P. Milligan at (850) 245-2170.

Sincerely,

Sally B. Mann, Director
Office of Intergovernmental Programs

SBM/im

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Geraci, Dave

Attachment 10

From: Todd_Mecklenborg@fws.gov
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2007 9:30 AM
To: Geraci, Dave
Subject: Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of the Parrish Spur SWC 871.00 to 871.66

Dave,

The proposed action will have "No Involvement" in regards to Endangered or Threatened Species, designated Critical Habitat, or National Wildlife Refuges.

No further action is required from this office.

Todd Mecklenborg, Fish & Wildlife Biologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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2/13/2007

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Attachment 11

January 24, 2007

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 (9) (i) and (iii) require that we develop a response to the following statements:

(i) "Based on consultation with State Water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies."

(iii) State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1342 are required for the proposed action."

There are no refueling or maintenance areas within the project area. The removal of CSXT's rail material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. We do not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. During track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any watercourses.

Based upon the above described actions, we would appreciate receiving your concurrence with CSXT's position that the proposed project is consistent with applicable Federal, State and local water quality standards, and that no permits under Section 402 are required at this time.

Enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Attachment



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Attachment 12

January 24, 2007

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jacksonville District
701 San Marco Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32207-0019

Gentlemen:

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It is our opinion that there will be no impact on designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains because our intent at this time is to only remove CSXT's metal track material, crossties and perhaps the upper layer of ballast, and to preserve the existing routes of water flow and drainage. We do not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and we do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The track removal will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways.

Based upon the above described actions, we would appreciate your concurrence in CSXT's position that there would be no adverse impact on wetlands or 100-year flood plains, and that no permits under Section 404 will be required.

We would appreciate your comments; and, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action.

Sincerely,

Attachment



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Attachment 13

January 24, 2007

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

Gentlemen:

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Attachment

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 672X

Notice of Exemption from Railroad Milepost SWC 871.0 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost SWC 871.66, known as the west end of the Parrish Spur in Manatee County, Florida.

Agency response (check one):

No Environmental Impact

Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

**CSXT Abandonment External Distribution List
Palmetto, FL
AB 55 Sub No. 672X**

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NOAA - VIA EMAIL

EXHIBIT E
HISTORIC REPORT

[See attached]

**HISTORIC REPORT
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Historic Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 672X) was mailed via first class mail on January 31, 2007, to the following person:

Dr. George Percy, Director
Division of Historic Resources
and State Historic Preservation Officer
Florida Department of State
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399



Steven C. Armbrust
March 7, 2007



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Manager -- Network Rationalization

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January 31, 2007

Dr. George Percy, Director
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RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Line Abandonment
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 672X)

Dear Mr. Percy:

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc., anticipates filing for abandonment of approximately 0.66-mile of its rail line in Palmetto, Lake County, Florida, as shown in the attached historic report.

In connection with rail lines that are to become the subject of applications for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a Historic Report covering the above proposed abandonment.

I will appreciate receiving your letter confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources. If you have questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Attachment

Cc: STB - SEA, 1925 K Street NW - Suite 534, Washington, DC 20423-0001
Mr. Steve Armbrust, Counsel, CSXT, 500 Water St.-J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202

HISTORIC REPORT

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
(CITY of PALMETTO, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA)
DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO. 672X)

1105.7(e)(1)

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES. Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSXT proposes to abandon approximately 0.66-mile of its rail operation between from Railroad Milepost SWC 871.0 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost 871.66, known as the west end of the Parrish Spur, City of Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida.

The above referenced 0.66-mile line has not generated any originating or terminating traffic in over two years.

Furthermore, CSX Real Estate is currently working with local municipalities, at their request, for a land sale transaction post abandonment.

Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the rail, crossties, and possibly the upper layer of ballast. CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub grade or sub grade structures. Finally, the operations and maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the operating loss and capital costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

Two maps, which delineate the proposed project, are attached. (See Attachments 1 and 2.)

1105.8(d)

- (1) A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action.**

Attached is a copy of the Palmetto quadrangle topographic map prepared by the U. S. Department of Interior Geological Survey prepared by the U. S. Department of Interior Geological Survey. The line to be abandoned has been identified by a heavy black diagonal line. (See Attachment 3.)

There are no CSXT-owned structures that are 50 years old or older that are eligible for listing in the National Register that are part of the proposed action.

- (2) A written description of the right of way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristic of the surrounding area:**

The right of way on this line segment is approximately twenty (20) feet from the centerline of track.

- (3) Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area:**

Not applicable.

- (4) The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known:

Not applicable.

- (5) A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action:

This line segment was acquired and built by the Seaboard Air Line Railway (SAL) between 1901 and 1902.

The SAL officially organized in 1900 in a merger that brought several smaller railroads together including its earliest predecessor, the Portsmouth and Weldon Railroad. The SAL operated under this name until it was reorganized due to financial problems stemming from the depression and wartime era as the Seaboard Air Line Railroad in 1946.

The Seaboard Airline Railroad operated under its new name until July 1, 1967 when it merged with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad (ACL) to become the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad (SCL). In 1972, the SCL formed a partnership called The Family Lines System with a number of other railroads. In 1982 the Family Lines System merged in the Seaboard System Railroad. In 1986, the Seaboard System Railroad merged with the Chessie System Railroad to become CSX Transportation.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, Applicant's operations and maintenance over this line will cease.

- (6) A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic:

Not applicable.

- (7) An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities):

A review of our records indicates there are no CSXT-owned structures over 50 years old on this line segment that are eligible for listing in the National Register.

We do not know of any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area.

- (8) A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or man-made) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.

The line was disturbed during construction by cuts and fill and any archeological resources that may have been located in the proposed project area would have been affected at that time versus during the proposed salvage operations associated with rail removal. Our records do not indicate that any swampy conditions exist, or that any hazardous material spills have occurred within the project area.

CSX TRANSPORTATION

Proposed Abandonment of a Portion of the Parrish Spur

SWC 871.00 to SWC 871.66
 Maintained by Co., FL

SCALE: 1" = 500'

Prepared by: [unclear]
 Drawn by: [unclear]

End Abandonment
 SWC 871.66 - V.S. 69+92

Begin Abandonment
 SWC 871.00 - V.S. 42+99

To Bradenton

To Tampa

To Ellenton

LEGEND

CSXT Operating Corridor

Proposed Transaction

Shortline Corridor

Total Distance - .51 Miles +/-

SOUTHERN REGION

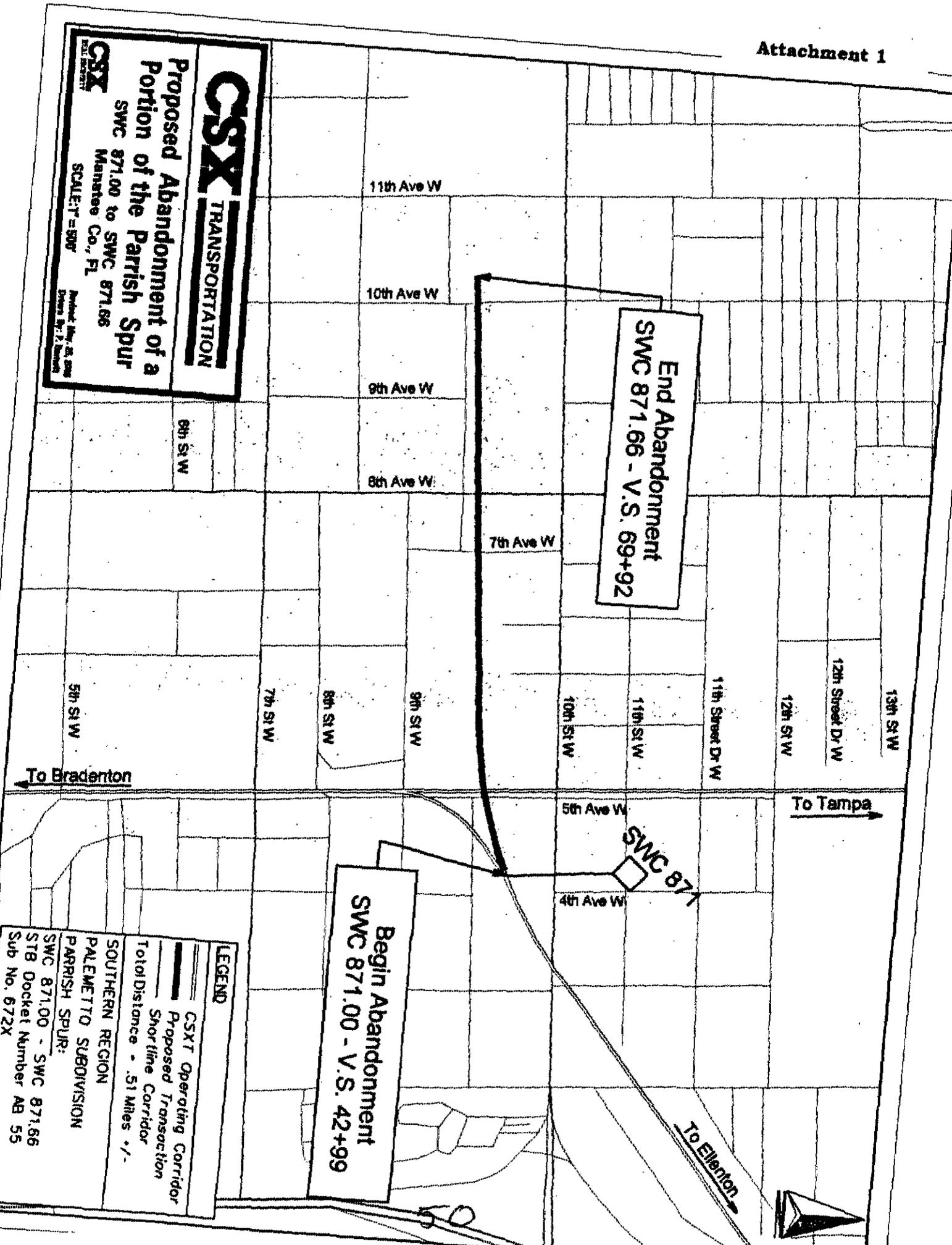
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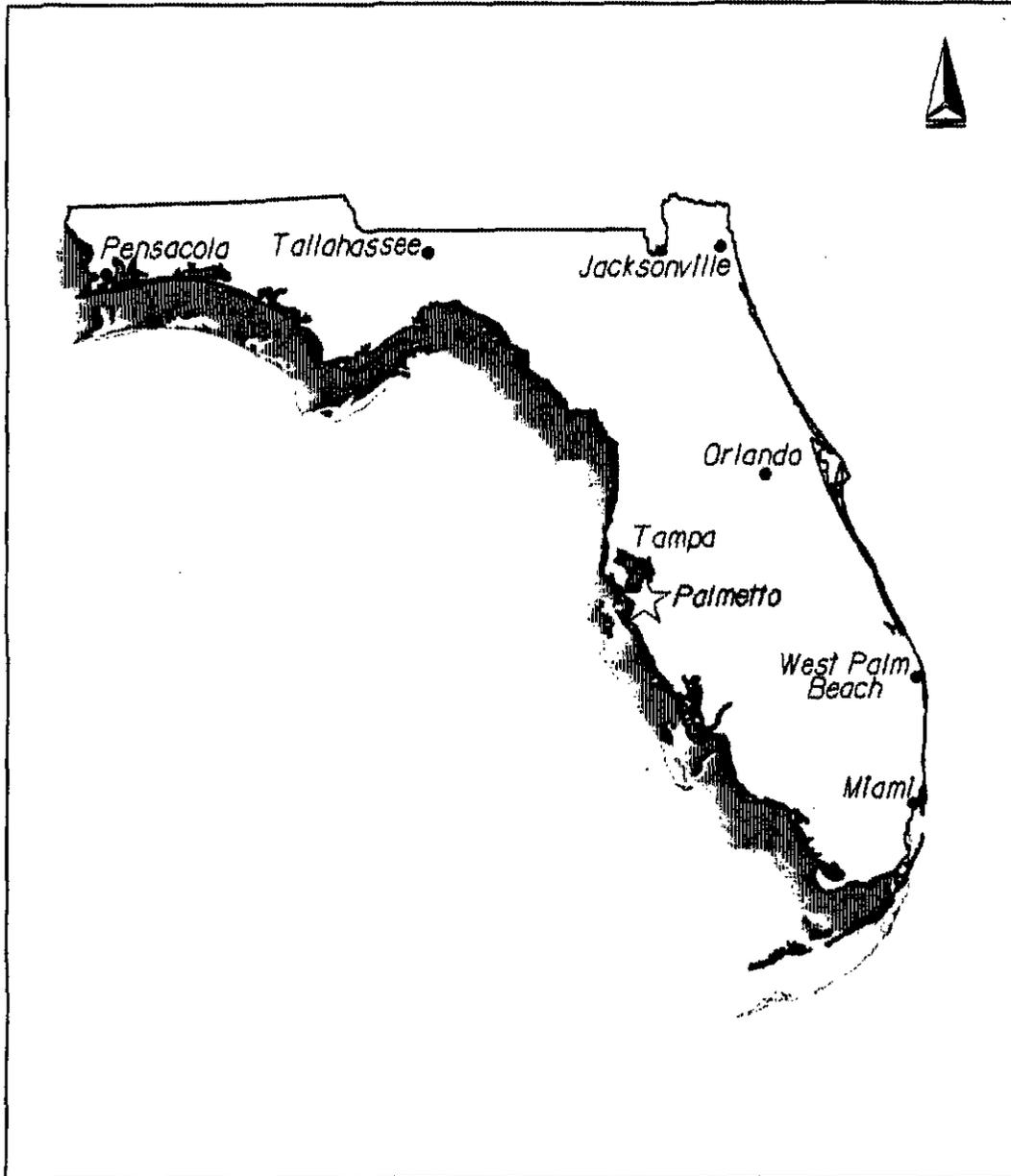
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SWC 871.00 - SWC 871.66

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Sub No. 672X

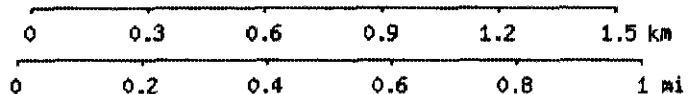
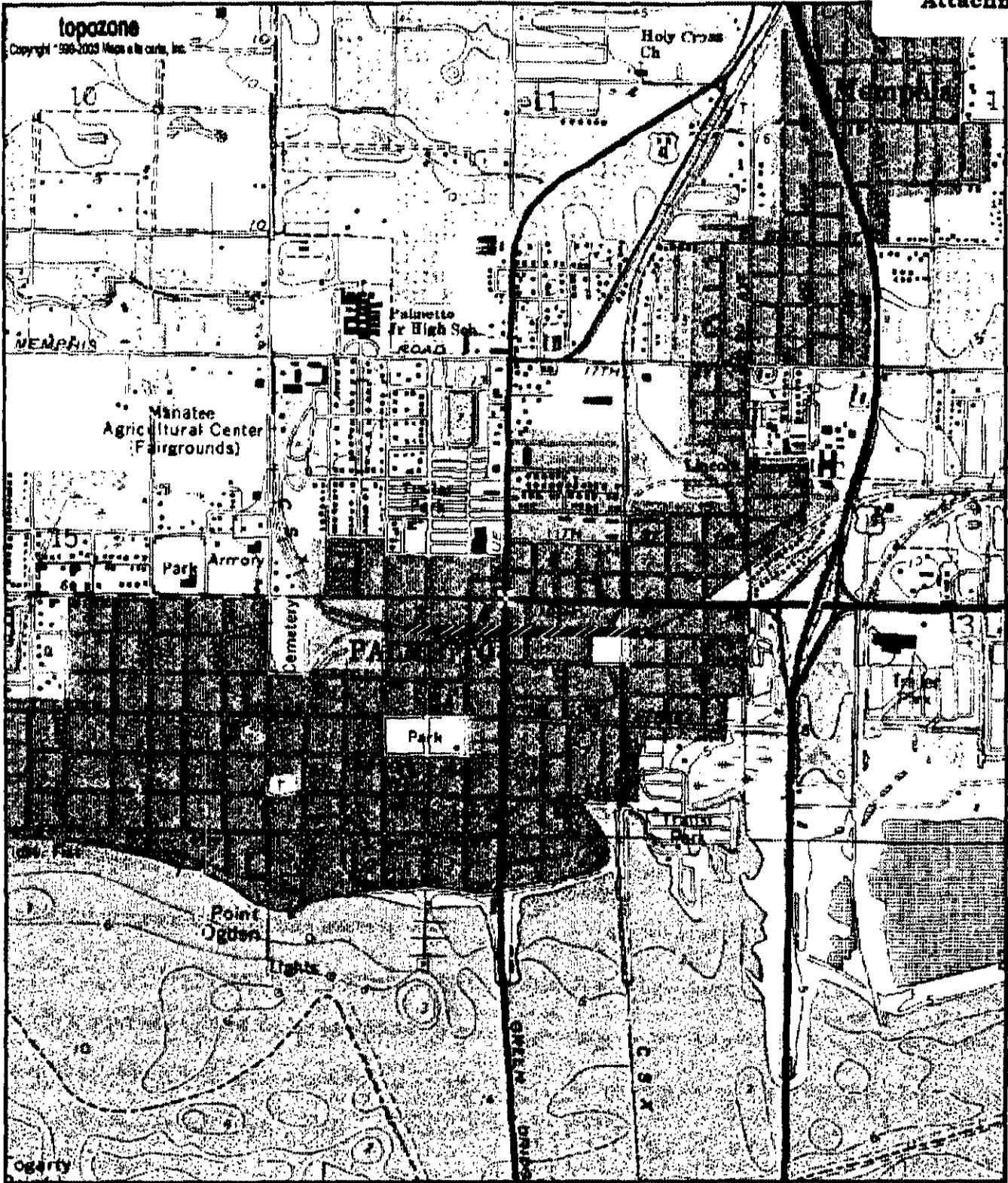




AREA MAP

Proposed Abandonment of 2705 Feet +/-
STB Docket No. AB 55 - Sub. No. 672X
Manatee County, Florida

SOUTHERN REGION - JACKSONVILLE DIVISION - PALMETTO SUBDIVISION



UTM 17 344635E 3044956N (NAD27)
Palmetto, USGS Palmetto (FL) Quadrangle
 Projection is UTM Zone 17 NAD83 Datum



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