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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 178X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
Notice of Exemption in Madison County, Mississippi**

Dear Secretary Williams:

By notice of exemption served in the above-captioned proceeding on April 11, 2006, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") was authorized to abandon its line of railroad known as the Canton Line, starting from a point of switch at Milepost 705.2 on IC's Grenada sub and traversing eastward approximately 12,300 feet to the end of track all in Canton, Madison County, Mississippi. IC's abandonment exemption became effective on May 11, 2006.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.50(e), IC hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of the subject line of railroad on March 1, 2007.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. An extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Very truly yours,


Michael J. Barron, Jr.
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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Enclosures.

cc: Mr. William R. Balentine, Director, Office of Intermodal Planning, Mississippi Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, Mississippi 39115-1850