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Notice of Exemption

Shannon Transport, Inc. ("Applicant") is seeking to abandon 12.5 miles of rail lines located in Clarion County, Pennsylvania. The rail lines represent all of the lines of railroad owned by Applicant. There is no corporate affiliate of Applicant that will continue substantially similar operations; indeed, because the contiguous branch line is also being abandoned¹, no continuing service will be possible. Further, Applicant's corporate parent will not realize any substantial financial benefits over and above relief from the burden of the ownership of the lines by Applicant. The last local service on the lines to be abandoned was in June, 2004. Because the lines are at the end of a branch, there is no overhead traffic on the lines.

This Notice of Exemption for abandonment is given pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50. In accordance with such requirements, Applicant hereby states as follows:

1. The exact name of Applicant is Shannon Transport, Inc.
2. Applicant is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, chapter 105. Applicant acquired the lines from Conrail in July 1990. *Shannon Transport, Inc. and Red Bank Railroad Company - Acquisition and Operation Exemption - Consolidated Rail Corporation,*

¹ The contiguous line is owned by Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC ("PSR"). PSR is seeking authority to abandon the line in STB Docket No. AB976 (Sub No. 2).

ICC Finance Docket No. 31707 (served August 3, 1990).

3. The relief sought is the abandonment of all of Applicant's lines of railroad which run (a) between Milepost 6.0 and Milepost 4.0 in or near Lawsonham, and (b) the connecting line between Milepost 0.0 near Lawsonham and Milepost 10.5 near Sligo a total distance of 12.5 miles. Both lines are located in Clarion County, Pennsylvania.²

4. A detailed map of the line is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. The representative of Applicant to whom correspondence should be sent is:

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6. The line to be abandoned traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 16248 and 16255.

7. Applicant believes that the line to be abandoned may be a candidate for alternative public use as a trail.

8. Applicant proposes to consummate the abandonment on or after July 18, 2007.

9. Applicant certifies that:

(a) No local traffic has moved over the lines for at least two years. These lines are at the end of a branch, and there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted.

(b) No formal complaint by a user of rail service on the lines, or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user, regarding cessation of service over the lines either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of

² The lines are currently operated by Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. ("BPRR"). BPRR is seeking authority to discontinue operations over the lines in STB Docket No. AB369 (Sub No. 6X).

the complainant within the two year period.

10. The lines of Shannon Transport have been operated by other carriers, most recently BPRR, and no employees of Applicant will be affected by the abandonment. Because this represents a "whole line abandonment" of all of the lines of railroad owned by Applicant, no employee protective conditions should be imposed. *Northampton and Bath R. Co. – Abandonment*, 354 ICC 784, 786 (1978).³ See also, *Railroad Switching Service of Missouri, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – In St. Louis County, MO* (served May 2, 2005).

11. An environmental/historic report in accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§1105.7 and 1105.8 was filed with the Board on May 8, 2007, and a supplement was filed with the Board on May 23, 2007. As noted in the initial report, Applicant has complied with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1105.11.

12. Applicant has complied with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50(d)(1). Copies of the notices are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Respectfully submitted,



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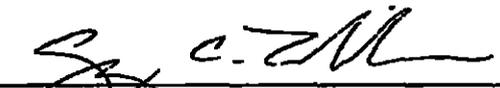
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³ As noted in the initial paragraph of this Notice, neither of the exceptions to the rule are present in this proceeding.

I hereby verify on behalf of Shannon Transport, Inc., under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this Verification.

Executed on May 25, 2007.



Gary Wilson, President

EXHIBIT A - MAP

EXHIBIT B - 10 DAY NOTICES

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May 14, 2007
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RE: Shannon Transport, Inc. -
Abandonment Exemption
STB Docket No. AB1004 (X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to advise you that Shannon Transport ("ST") plans to seek Surface Transportation Board ("STB") authorization for its abandonment by filing a verified notice of exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F under STB Docket No. AB1004 (X). The notice will be filed with the Surface Transportation Board on or about May 29, 2007.

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Re: Notice of Abandonment

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Very truly yours,



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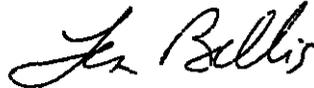
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date a copy of the foregoing Notice of Abandonment was served on the persons shown on the attached list by first class mail, postage prepaid.



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Dated: May 25, 2007

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