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September 7, 2007

**Via Electronic Mail**

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 684X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—  
Abandonment Exemption—in Shelby County, TN*

Dear Secretary Williams:

On August 21, 2007, CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) filed a Notice of Exemption (the “Notice”) to abandon a 13.34-mile line between Milepost ONI 210.66 (near Cordova) and Milepost ONI 224 (Memphis), known as the Cordova Branch, Shelby County, TN (the “Line”), and a Petition for Exemption from the offer of financial assistance provisions for the Line (the “Petition”) in the above-entitled proceeding.

For various reasons, CSXT filed a letter on August 23, 2007 seeking to withdraw the Notice and the Petition. No action has been taken in response to this letter.

Based upon further research, CSXT requests the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) to reinstate the Notice and the Petition. The Board has considered a Notice of Exemption for an out of service railroad line under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 and a separately filed petition for exemption from the offer of financial assistance provisions for the same line. *See Yakima Interurban Lines Association—Abandonment Exemption—in Yakima County, WA*, STB Docket No. AB-600 (Sub-No. 1X) (STB served January 19, 2006); and *The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in King County, WA*, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 402X) (STB served January 16, 2003). CSXT is following the procedural precedent developed in those proceedings through the Notice and the Petition.

Accordingly, CSXT requests the Board to reinstate and commence the procedural process for the Notice and the Petition as of the date of the e-filing of this letter.

In addition, upon further review of other maps, it appears that the Line traverses certain zip codes that were not included in the Notice (i.e., zip codes 38111, 38117, 38120 and 38122). Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests the Board substitute page 5 of the Notice with the revised page 5 (which includes the revised zip codes) attached as Exhibit B hereto.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Armbrust', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Armbrust

**EXHIBIT A**  
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that simultaneous with the e-filing of the letter to which this Exhibit A is attached, a copy of the letter, together with Exhibits, is being sent via DHL overnight mail for delivery on September 10, 2007, to the following parties:

State Public Service Commission

Transportation Department  
700 James K. Polk Building  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0349

Regulatory Authority  
450 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

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

U. S. Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Attention: Mr. Charlie Stockman  
Acting Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Manager  
1201 I Street, NW, 9th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

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

In addition, an electronic copy of the letter, together with Exhibits, is being sent via electronic mail today to the following:

Nicholas J. DiMichael, Esquire  
Thompson Hine LLP  
1920 N Street, N.W. Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20036



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**EXHIBIT B**

**[Revised Page 5 to Notice Attached on Next Page]\***

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\* Please note the following slip page contains the page number as originally set forth in the Notice.

(8) List of all United States Postal Service ZIP Codes that the line proposed for abandonment traverses. The Line traverses ZIP Codes 38016, 38018, 38111, 38112, 38117, 38120, 38122 and 38134.

(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;