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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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September 23, 2021
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Public Record

Re: **Docket No. AB 1318X**
West Belt Railway LLC – Discontinuance of Service
Exemption – in St. Louis County, Missouri

Discontinuance Advisory

Docket No. AB 122 (Sub -No. 2X)
Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis – Abandonment
Exemption – in St. Louis County, Missouri

Abandonment Consummation

Dear Ms. Brown:

West Belt Railway LLC Discontinuance Advisory

By notice of exemption served on August 24, 2021, West Belt Railway LLC (“WBRY”) secured authorization effective September 23, 2021 to discontinue common carrier service over a 0.1 mile segment of rail line between milepost 0.7, (immediately south of the crossing with Bodine Industrial Drive) and milepost 0.8 (the end of the track) in St. Louis County, Missouri (“the Line”).

WBRY wishes to advise the Board that, as of the filing of this letter on September 23, 2021, it has exercised its authority under the exemption and discontinued service over the Line. The Board does not require that parties authorized to discontinue rail common carrier service notify the Board of discontinuance “consummation.” Rather, 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) requires timely notices of consummation only from those acting upon authority to abandon a rail line.

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Accordingly, WBRY offers this advisory as a courtesy and as information to clarify the Line's current legal status.

Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis Abandonment Consummation

By notice of exemption served in the above-referenced proceeding on July 27, 2021, Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis ("TRRA") secured authorization, effective September 15, 2021 to abandon a 0.1 mile segment of rail line, between milepost 0.7 (immediately south of the crossing with Bodine Industrial Drive) and milepost 0.8 (the end of the track) in St. Louis County, Missouri ("the Line"). There are no legal or regulatory barriers to abandonment consummation.

By this letter filing¹—made immediately after WBRY's Discontinuance of Service and filing of an advisory of the same—TRRA has consummated its abandonment of the subject line in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2).

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: All parties of record

¹ This letter has been filed in both dockets in an effort to provide a uniform, comprehensive record of the discontinuance and ensuing abandonment of the Line.