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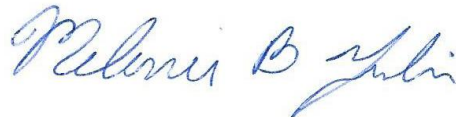
Ms. Danielle Gosselin
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 817X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Norfolk County, MA**

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Enclosed for filing is a letter from the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Historical Commission determining that “this project is unlikely to affect significant historic or archaeological resources.”

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosure

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APPENDIX A

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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BOSTON, MASS. 02125
617-727-8470, FAX: 617-727-5128

PROJECT NOTIFICATION FORM

Project Name: CSX Transportation, Inc.--Abandonment Exemption--in Norfolk County, MA, STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 817X)
Location / Address: Milepost QVF 18.01 to Milepost QVF 20.1
City / Town: Franklin, MA
Project Proponent Name: Kevin Hardee CSX
Address: 500 Water Street, J801
City/Town/Zip/Telephone: Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 368-4457

Agency license or funding for the project (list all licenses, permits, approvals, grants or other entitlements being sought from state and federal agencies).

Agency Name

Type of License or funding (specify)

The Surface Transportation Board

Authority to abandon a rail line

Project Description (narrative):

CSX Transportation, Inc. proposes to abandon the approximately 2.09-mile rail line that runs between milepost QVF 18.01 and milepost QVF 20.1, on its Northern Region, Franklin Subdivision in Norfolk County, MA.

Does the project include demolition? If so, specify nature of demolition and describe the building(s) which are proposed for demolition.

Abandonment of the Line will result in the removal of the rail and cross-ties, and possibly the upper layer of ballast. CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub-grade or sub-grade structures.

Does the project include rehabilitation of any existing buildings? If so, specify nature of rehabilitation and describe the building(s) which are proposed for rehabilitation.

No

Does the project include new construction? If so, describe (attach plans and elevations if necessary).

No

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APPENDIX A (continued)

To the best of your knowledge, are any historic or archaeological properties known to exist within the project's area of potential impact? If so, specify. No

What is the total acreage of the project area?

Woodland	_____	acres	Productive Resources:	
Wetland	_____	acres	Agriculture	_____ acres
Floodplain	_____	acres	Forestry	_____ acres
Open space	_____	acres	Mining/Extraction	_____ acres
Developed	_____	acres	Total Project Acreage	_____ acres

What is the acreage of the proposed new construction? NA _____ acres

What is the present land use of the project area?

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Please attach a copy of the section of the USGS quadrangle map which clearly marks the project location.

This Project Notification Form has been submitted to the MHC in compliance with 950 CMR 71.00.

Signature of Person submitting this form: Melanie Gasbin Date: 11/06/2024
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REGULATORY AUTHORITY

950 CMR 71.00: M.G.L. c. 9, §§ 26-27C as amended by St. 1988, c. 254.