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Re: *Illinois Central Railroad Company – Discontinuance Exemption – In Champaign County, Ill., STB Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 189X)*

Discontinuance Advisory

Dear Ms. Brown:

In a Director's Order served in the above-referenced docket on August 16, 2017, the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") modified the notice served by the Board and published in the Federal Register on April 10, 2015 to authorize Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") to discontinue service over (but not to abandon) approximately 3.2 miles of railroad line (the "Line") between milepost 7.8 in Bondville and milepost 11 in Seymour, in Champaign County, Illinois. The Director's Order, which removed IC's originally-sought authority to abandon the Line, was effective as of its service date.

IC wishes to advise the Board that, as of August 16, 2017, it has exercised its authority under the exemption, and has 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 from those acting upon authority to *abandon* a rail line. Accordingly, IC offers this advisory as a courtesy and as information to clarify the Line's current legal status and to acknowledge the Board's continuing jurisdiction over the Line.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,



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cc: All parties of record
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