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March 13, 2018

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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20024

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Office of Proceedings
March 14, 2018
Part of
Public Record

Re: Docket No. AB- 43 (Sub-No. 188X)
Illinois Central Railroad Company – Abandonment
Exemption – In Hinds County, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of a **Verified Notice of Exemption of Illinois Central Railroad Company (“the Notice”)**, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. Electronic versions of the Notice and corresponding Environmental and Historic Report have been copied to the enclosed disc. A check for the filing fee of \$4,100.00 is also enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at either bsmith@fletcher-sippel.com or (312) 252-1516. Thank you for your assistance on this matter. Kind regards.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bradon J. Smith
Bradon J. Smith
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-43 (SUB-NO. 188X)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN HINDS COUNTY, MISS.

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

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**ATTORNEY FOR ILLINOIS CENTRAL
RAILROAD COMPANY**

Dated: March 13, 2018

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IN HINDS COUNTY, MISS.

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PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") hereby submits this notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 to abandon approximately 1.8 miles of railroad ("the Line"), extending northward from milepost 185.15 near McNutt Street to milepost 186.95 near High Street in Jackson, Hinds County, Miss.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2), IC submits the following information:

Certification for Class Exemption (49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)):

IC qualifies to invoke the Surface Transportation Board's ("the Board") abandonment class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b). See Certification and Verification of Thomas J. Tisa, Director of Corporate Development for Illinois Central, attached hereto and made part hereof as Exhibit A.

Additional Information Required: (49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.22(a)(1)-(2), (7)-(8), and (e)(4)):

Exact name of applicant (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1):

Illinois Central Railroad Company.

Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(2)):

IC is a common carrier by railroad subject to the Board's jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

Relief sought (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)):

Pursuant to the Board's class exemption for the abandonment of out-of-service rail lines, codified at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, IC intends to abandon approximately 1.8 miles of rail line extending from milepost 185.15 near McNutt Street north to milepost 186.95 near High Street in Jackson, Mississippi.

Map (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)):

A map of the Line proposed to be abandoned is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

IC's representative (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)):

IC's representative to whom correspondence regarding this abandonment should be sent to:

Bradon J. Smith
Fletcher & Sippel LLC
29 N. Wacker Drive
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Chicago, IL 60606-2832
312-252-1500

ZIP Codes traversed: (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8))

The Line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 39201 and 39202.

Suitability for other public purposes (49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)):

The Line is not suitable for any other public purpose. IC understands much of the Line will be subject to reversionary interests.

Consummation Date (49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)):

IC will consummate the abandonment no earlier than May 3, 2018.

Labor Protection (49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)):

The interests of affected railroad employees, if any, will be protected by the conditions discussed in Oregon Short Line Co — Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Certifications (49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11):

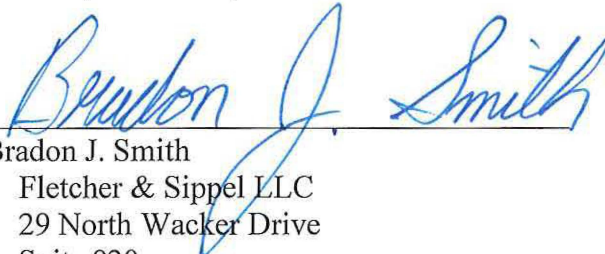
A certificate that the notice and publication requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(1); 1105.11; and 1105.12 have been satisfied is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Environmental and Historic Report (49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8):

A combined Environmental and Historic Report (the “Report”) prepared in compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8 is attached hereto as Exhibit D. That Report concludes that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment, the conservation of energy resources, or historic resources.

Respectfully submitted,

By:


Bradon J. Smith

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EXHIBIT A

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b) AND
VERIFICATION**

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

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IN HINDS COUNTY, MISS.

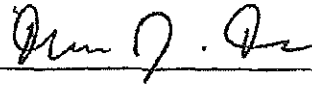
CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss
COUNTY OF COOK)

Thomas J. Tisa, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") proposes to abandon a line of railroad ("the Line") from milepost 185.5 near McNutt Street north to milepost 186.95 near High Street in Jackson, Mississippi, a distance of approximately 1.8 miles.
2. There has been no local traffic over the Line for at least two years, and there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted over other lines; and
3. No formal complaint filed by a user of rail service (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the past two years.
4. I have read the foregoing abandonment notice of exemption; know the facts asserted therein are true and accurate as stated to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief; and state that I am duly authorized to make such verification on behalf of IC.

Dated: March 12, 2018



Thomas J. Tisa

Director Corporate Development

Illinois Central Railroad Company
17641 Ashland Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 12th day of March, 2018.



Notary Public



BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

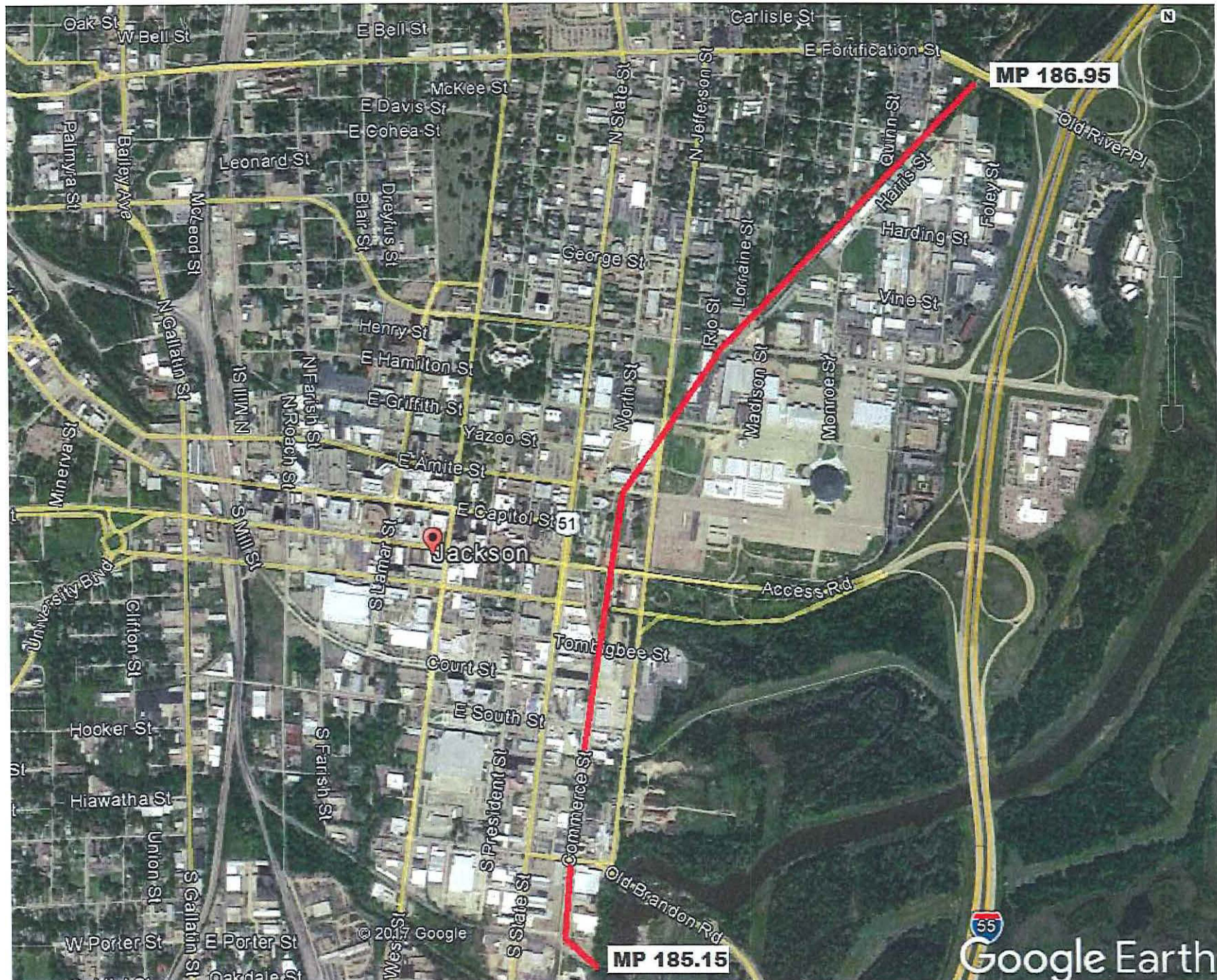
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EXHIBIT B

MAP

**Docket AB 43 (Sub No. 188X) - Illinois Central Railroad Company -
Proposed Abandonment in Hinds County, Mississippi**



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EXHIBIT C

**CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AND
PUBLICATION**

DOCKET NO. AB-43 (SUB-NO. 188X)

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN HINDS COUNTY, MISS.**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND PUBLICATION

I, Bradon J. Smith, an attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company, in connection with the above-referenced proceeding, hereby certify that,

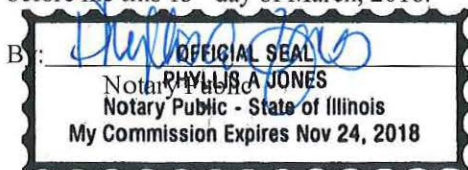
(1) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) have been satisfied, to wit: On January 15, 2018, written notice of the proposed abandonment was mailed to the (a) United States Department of Defense, MSDDC-TEA, Attn: Railroads for National Defense; (b) U.S. Department of Agriculture, Chief of the Forest Service; (c) National Center for Recreation and Conservation, National Park Service; and (d) the Mississippi Public Service Commission and the Mississippi Department of Transportation (copies of which are offered as Attachments 1-5).

(2) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been satisfied, to wit: On December 15, 2017, an Environmental and Historic Report was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties listed on Attachment 6, which list includes the state historic preservation officer, in keeping with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(b), 1105.8(c), and 1105.11.

(3) A newspaper notice was published on February 22, 2018 in the *Clarion-Ledger*, a newspaper of general circulation in Hinds County, Mississippi. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. Copies of the notice and Affidavit of Publication are included as Attachment 7.

Dated this 13th day of March 2018.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to
before me this 13th day of March, 2018.




Bradon J. Smith
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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January 15, 2018

Mr. David P. Dorfman, P.E.
RND Program Manager
SDDCTEA
Attn: SDTE-SA 1
Soldier Way Scott AFR, Illinois 62225

Re: *Illinois Central Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Hinds County, Mississippi*
STB Docket No. AB 43 (Sub-No. 188X)

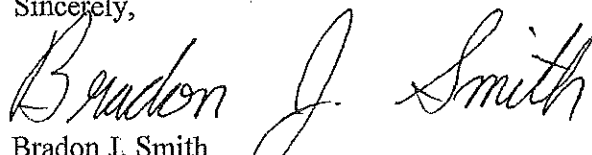
Dear Mr. Dorfman:

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The exemption procedures set forth in § 1152.50 will be invoked in this case because no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years, and there is no overhead traffic that would be affected by the proposed action. Based on information in our possession, the line **does not** contain any federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

If you have any questions about the Notice that IC plans soon to file, please review the applicable regulations or contact me at 312.252.1516 or the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 245-0230.

Sincerely,


Bradon J. Smith
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Enclosure

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January 15, 2018

Mr. Tony Tooke
Chief of the Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250-1111

Re: *Illinois Central Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Hinds County, Mississippi*
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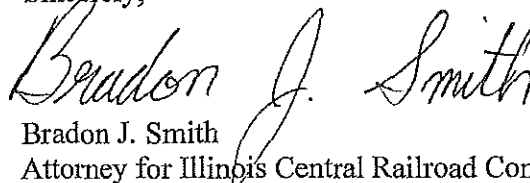
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January 15, 2018

Via Electronic Mail and Regular Mail

Mr. Stephan Nofield
National Leader for Rivers, Trails,
and Conservation Assistance
f/k/a Recreation Resources Assistance Division
National Park Service
1849 C. Street, N.W. Org. Code 2220
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: *Illinois Central Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Hinds County,
Mississippi*
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Dear Mr. Nofield:

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January 15, 2018

Ms. Katherine Collier
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 1174
Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1174

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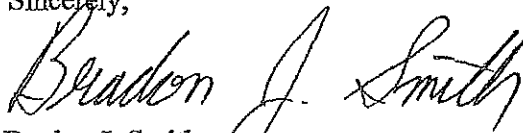
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Ms. Melinda McGrath, P.E.
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Transportation
401 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

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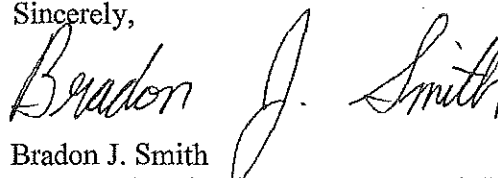
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Mississippi

SERVICE LIST

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Vicksburg District
4155 East Clay Street
Vicksburg, MS 39183

US EPA Region 4
Attention: Mr. Sam Nunn
Atlanta Federal Center (SNAFC)
61 Forsyth Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

National Park Service
Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

National Park Service
Southeast Region
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Atlanta, GA 30303

National Geodetic Survey Information Services
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Mr. David M. Kennedy
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource
Management
NOAA Ocean Service
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Springs, Maryland 20910

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Region 4
Century Center
1875 Century Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30345

Mississippi Department of Transportation
401 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101
Biloxi, MS 39530

Mississippi Department of Environmental
Quality
P.O. Box 2261
Jackson, MS 39289
601-961-5171

Mississippi Department of Finance and
Administration,
Clearinghouse Officer
1301 Woolfolk Building,
Suite E 501 North West Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Mississippi Department of Archives and History
P.O. Box 571
Jackson, MS 39289

Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDA Federal Building, Suite 1321
100 West Capitol Street
Jackson, MS 39269

Mr. Darrel McQuirter, Board President
Hinds County Board of Supervisor District 2
316 South President Street
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**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
THE CLARION-LEDGER**

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29 N WACKER DR STE 920
CHICAGO, IL 60606
Acct# TCL-C32812

Ad Number: 0002743173

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HINDS COUNTY**

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned notary public in and for Hinds County, Janel Bennett, an authorized clerk of The Clarion-Ledger, a newspaper as defined and prescribed in Sections 13-3-31 and 13-3-32, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, who, being duly sworn, states that the notice, a true copy of which is hereto attached, appeared in the issues of said newspaper as follows:

Was published in said newspaper in the issue(s) of:

02/22/18

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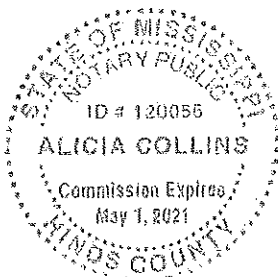
Signed Janel Bennett
Authorized Clerk of The Clarion-Ledger

SWORN to and subscribed before me on 02/22/2018.

Alicia Collins
Notary Public
Alicia Collins

Notary Public State of Mississippi at Large.

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NOTICE

Illinois Central Railroad Company gives notice that, on or after February 28, 2018, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1162 Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of approximately 1.8 miles of railroad line from approximately MP 188.15 to MP 186.95 in Jackson, Mississippi, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 39201 and 39202 in Hinds County, Mississippi. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-49 (Sub-No. 188X).

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice for exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to OEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling OEA at 202-245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of Proceedings, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(e) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0296. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative; Fletcher & Sippel LLC, Attention: Bradon J. Smith, 29 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606.
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EXHIBIT D

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC
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ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") submits this Environmental/Historic Report ("the Report") in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence and certifications are attached. As described in this Report, the proposed abandonment action (the "Abandonment") does not significantly impact the quality of the human environment or effect the conservation of energy resources.¹

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)

1. Proposed Action and Alternatives. IC seeks to abandon its segment of railroad extending from milepost 185.15 near McNutt Street to milepost 186.95 near High Street (from south to north) in Jackson, Mississippi ("the Commerce Street Line" or "the Line"). The Commerce Street Line is situated in Hinds County, Mississippi, and extends a total distance of approximately 1.8 miles.

There have been no rail shipments of any kind on the Line in well over two years, and no reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists. Rail will be salvaged from approximately 40 feet south of McNutt Street, through the portion of the line immediately north of South Street (for a total of 3,783.3 feet, of which 932.3 is in asphalt). There is no

¹ See generally 49 C.F.R. § 1105.5 (a) (2017) (incorporating "significant" standard of 40 C.F.R. § 1508.27).

continuous trackage located on the northern portion of the Line, beginning at approximately South Street, beyond which point and northward, portions of the right-of-way have been redeveloped.²

No alternatives to the proposed abandonment have been considered as part of the Commerce Street Line is in a road. The only alternative is retention of the Commerce Street Line in its current, unused state, which would have no environmental impact.

A map showing the location of the Commerce Street Line is attached hereto as Appendix A. A map showing the location of intended salvage of track materials is attached as Appendix B. IC has requested comments from the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, attached here as Appendix C. IC has received no comments to date but was advised that there was no objection.

2. Transportation System. IC does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. No rail service is currently provided on the Commerce Street Line and no passenger trains have operated over the line in perhaps decades. Accordingly, no traffic will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed abandonment.

Abandonment of the Commerce Street Line will allow permanent closure of two grade crossings. The first, at Milepost 185.16, DOT 301986J, located at Silas Brown Street, is equipped with active flashing signals. The second, at milepost 185.24, DOT 310011T, is located at Morris Street, where a crossbuck sign is present.

² Due to prior abandonment of connecting line segments to the north and south of the Commerce Street Line (leaving the subject line segment with only a connection with a third party carrier) and the long-time absence of any traffic, IC believes that track removal was the result of a mistaken understanding, now being rectified, that the Commerce Street Line had also been abandoned.

IC also has contacted the Mississippi Department of Transportation as attached here in Appendix D. No response has been received to date.

3. Land Use.

(i) IC does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local land use plans, but has requested input from the Central Mississippi Metropolitan Planning Organization (the regional metropolitan planning organization for the area under 29 U.S.C. § 134) and the City of Jackson Department of Planning and Development. Appendix E. NOAA/National Geodetic Survey has been contacted, and has responded that there are no geodetic survey markers on the Line. Appendix F.

(ii) The proposed abandonment lies entirely within the limits of Hinds County, Mississippi. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has been contacted. Appendix G. IC has received no comments to date.

(iii) The Commerce Street Line does not appear to be within a designated Coastal Zone Management Area and, accordingly, the proposed abandonment will not affect any land or water uses in such an area or result in any coastal impacts. IC has solicited comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality to determine whether the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water quality standards. Appendices H, I and J. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has advised that the Commerce Street Line is not in a designated Coastal Zone Management Area; the response is attached hereto as Appendix I. No other responses have been received to date.

(iv) IC is not aware of any alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 for which the right-of-way of the Commerce Street Line would be suitable.

4. Energy.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities have moved over the Commerce Street Line in at least two years, and IC foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled on the Commerce Street Line for many years (if ever), and IC foresees little or no possibility that any on-line recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) The Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. No rail freight traffic currently moves to or from points on the Commerce Street Line, and thus there will be no changes in existing transportation patterns or energy usage as a result of the proposed abandonment.

(iv) Not applicable. The Abandonment of the Commerce Street Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5. Air.

(i) Not applicable. The Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line, (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.

(ii) Not applicable. IC does not believe that Hinds County, Mississippi is a Class I or Nonattainment Area under the Clean Air Act. In any event, the Abandonment of the Commerce Street Line will not result in traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C).

(iii) Not applicable. This is an abandonment of a line on which there have been no customers for at least two years and there is no overhead traffic on the line.

IC has contacted and requested comments from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Appendices J and H. No responses have been received to date.

6. Noise. Not applicable. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the Abandonment.

7. Safety.

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety. Abandonment of the Commerce Street Line will eliminate two rail/road crossings. There are currently no vehicle wait times as the line has not been used in many years, and the elimination of the crossing will likely lead to improved traffic flow. Additionally, no public safety issues will arise with respect to salvage operations.

(ii) Not applicable. To IC's knowledge, no hazardous commodities were handled on the Commerce Street Line. Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) There are no known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right-of-way of the Commerce Street Line.

8. Biological Resources.

(i) No critical habitat will be destroyed, altered or affected as a result of the proposed abandonment, and IC does not believe that any endangered or threatened species are present in the area or would be adversely affected. IC has requested comments from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Appendices J and K. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has responded that it has no objection to the proposed action and the Abandonment will have no effect on federally-listed species or their habitat, and additionally, there are no wildlife refuges, state forests, or other important natural resources in the area of the Abandonment. This response is attached hereto as Appendix K.

(ii) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service confirmed that the Commerce Street Line does not pass through or adjacent to any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges or any national or state parks or forests and, accordingly, none will be adversely affected. Appendix K. IC also has contacted and requested comments from the National Park Service, as set forth in Appendix L. No response has been received to date.

9. Water.

(i) The Region 4 of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management have been contacted. Appendices H and F. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality has also been contacted. Appendix J. To date, no comments have been received from any of these agencies. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has also been contacted, and has responded that it has no objection to the proposed abandonment and that it is not located in a Coastal Zone Consistency Area. Appendix I.

(ii) The Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted to determine if the proposed abandonment requires permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Appendix M. The Corps has responded and stated that no Section 404 permit is necessary for the proposed abandonment; this response is attached hereto as Appendix M.

In addition, IC is unaware of the proposed abandonment affecting any 100-year floodplain.

(iii) IC does not anticipate the discharge of any pollutants in relation to its proposed abandonment. Additionally, no material will be disposed of into waterways as part of the Abandonment. Accordingly, IC concludes that no permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act are required.

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In addition to the agencies referenced above, IC also has contacted and requested comments from the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (acting as the Mississippi state clearinghouse). Appendix N. To date no response has been received.

HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)

1. Map. A map of the Commerce Street Line is attached hereto as Appendix A.

2. Description of Line. The Commerce Street Line extends from milepost 185.15 near McNutt Street to milepost 186.95 near High Street in Jackson, Mississippi. The Commerce Street Line is situated in Hinds County, Mississippi, and extends a total distance of approximately 1.8 miles. In 1994, IC abandoned the trackage between milepost 181.21 and 185.15 as well as the trackage between milepost 186.95 and 187.52 in Jackson, Mississippi. Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 160X) (ICC served Aug. 22, 1994). In 1995, IC abandoned the trackage between 178.50 and 181.21. Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 168X) (ICC served Mar. 16,

1995). These two previous abandonments left a gap of un-abandoned track between mileposts 185.15 and 186.95 (the Commerce Street Line) which IC seeks to abandon here.

The area around the Line has a generally flat topography, and is urban in nature. The width of the right of way is not discernable as portions of the Commerce Street Line are in a street and portions of the northern end lack trackage, and, in places, the right-of-way has been redeveloped.

3. Photographs. There are no photographs of the Commerce Street Line attached because there are no qualifying buildings or structures located along this portion of the line that are 50 years old or older.³ Please see *infra*, "Historic Criteria."

4. Information on Structures. There are no structures or bridges located along the Commerce Street Line.

5. History of Operations. The Commerce Street Line has not been active for many years. It was previously used for general freight traffic. No reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists.

6. Engineering Documents. IC will provide copies of any documents in its possession.

7. Historic Criteria. IC has contacted and given notice of the proposed abandonment to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Appendix O. The former Gulf Mobile & Ohio Depot was conveyed to the State of Mississippi in 1982. As IC has elected not to undertake salvage of the track in front of the depot, IC has satisfied the consulting

³ Former depots which are fifty (50) years old or older and which no longer belong to the applicant carrier are not considered historic railroad buildings subject to the analysis required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8. Soo Line Railroad Co.—Abandonment Exemption—In Beltrami, Clearwater, and Polk Cnty. Minn., Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 33X) (STB served Feb. 16, 1996).

agency's stated concern regarding track removal, as acknowledged by the Department of Archives and History. Appendix O.

8. Ground Disturbances. Based on readily available information in its possession, IC does not believe that there are archaeological resources in the area. Access to the Commerce Street Line is generally good.

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

DOCKET NO. AB-43 (SUB-NO. 188X)

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

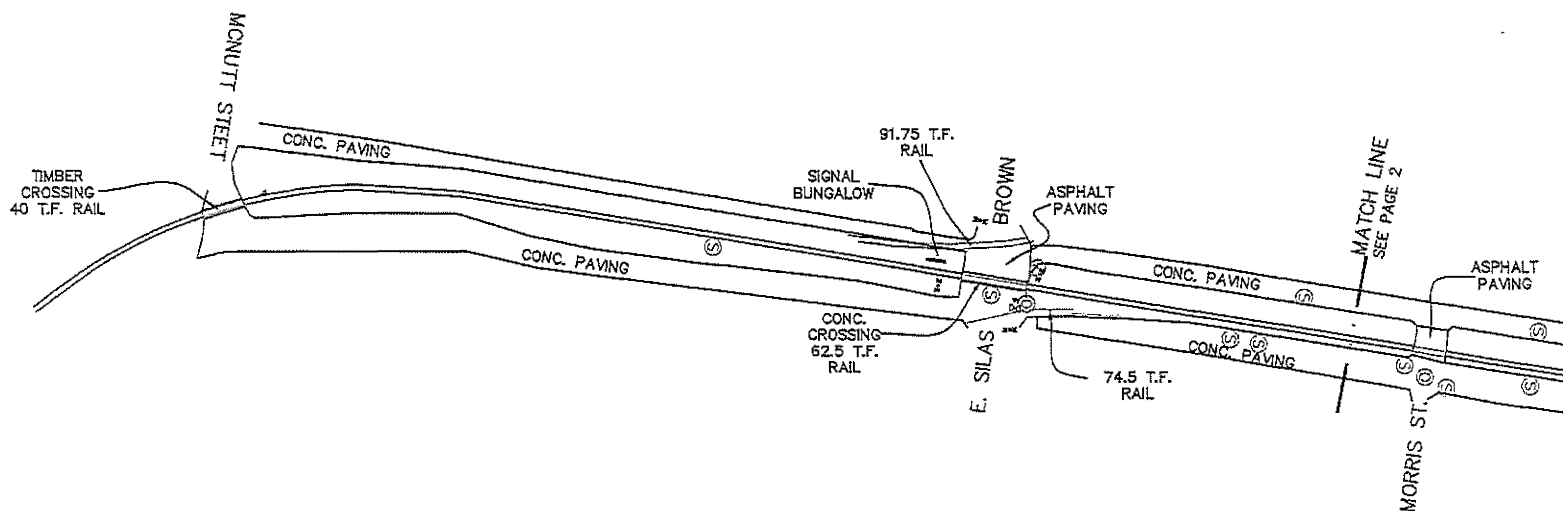
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APPENDIX B



LEGEND:

TRACK TO BE REMOVED
 SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
 FIBER OPTIC MANHOLE
 MANHOLE (OTHER)
 WATER VALVE
 GAS VALVE



TRACK TO BE REMOVED
 (IN ASPHALT)
 CROSSING SIGNAL
 GATE INLET



NOTES:

TOTAL RAIL = 3,732.3 T.F.
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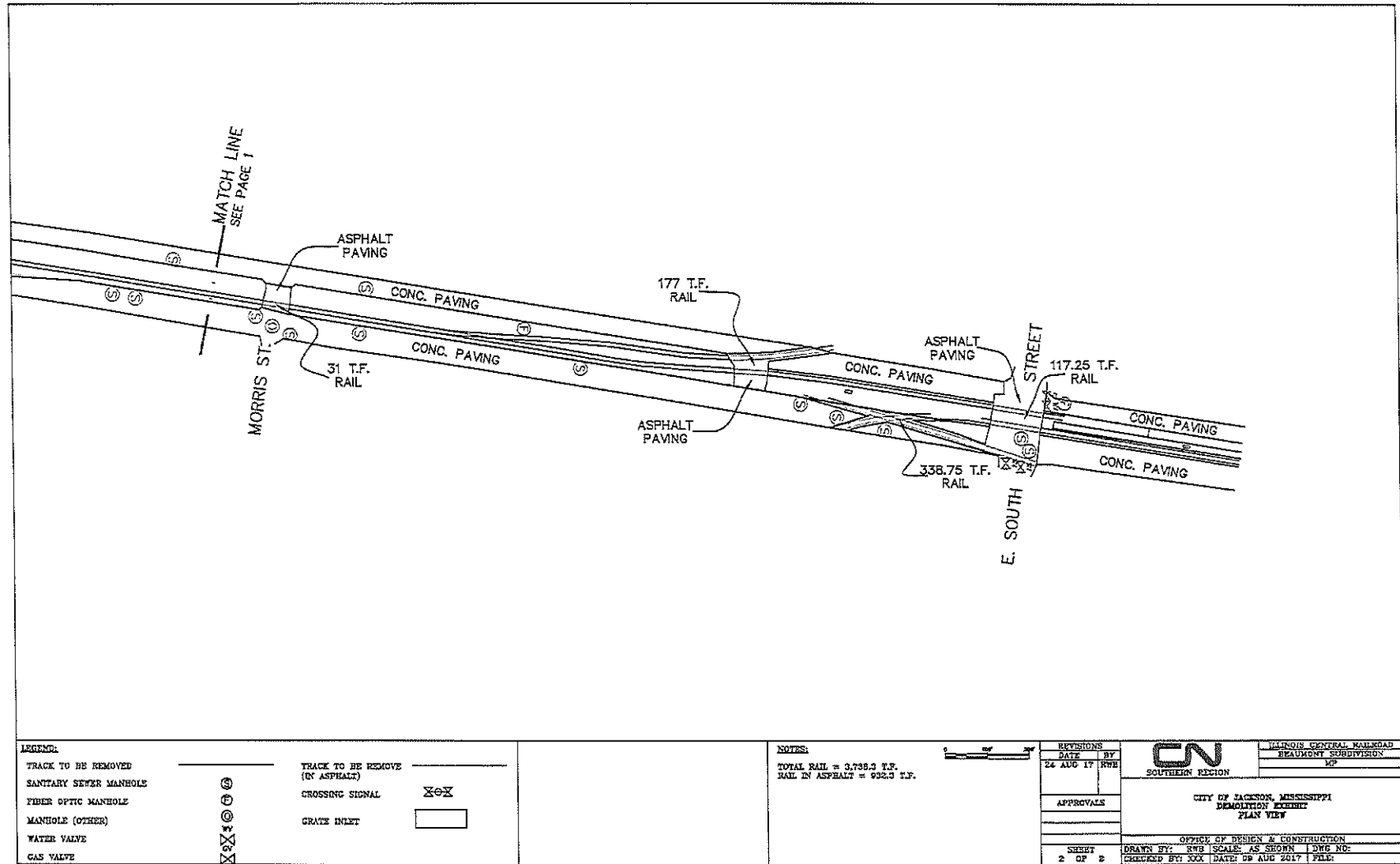
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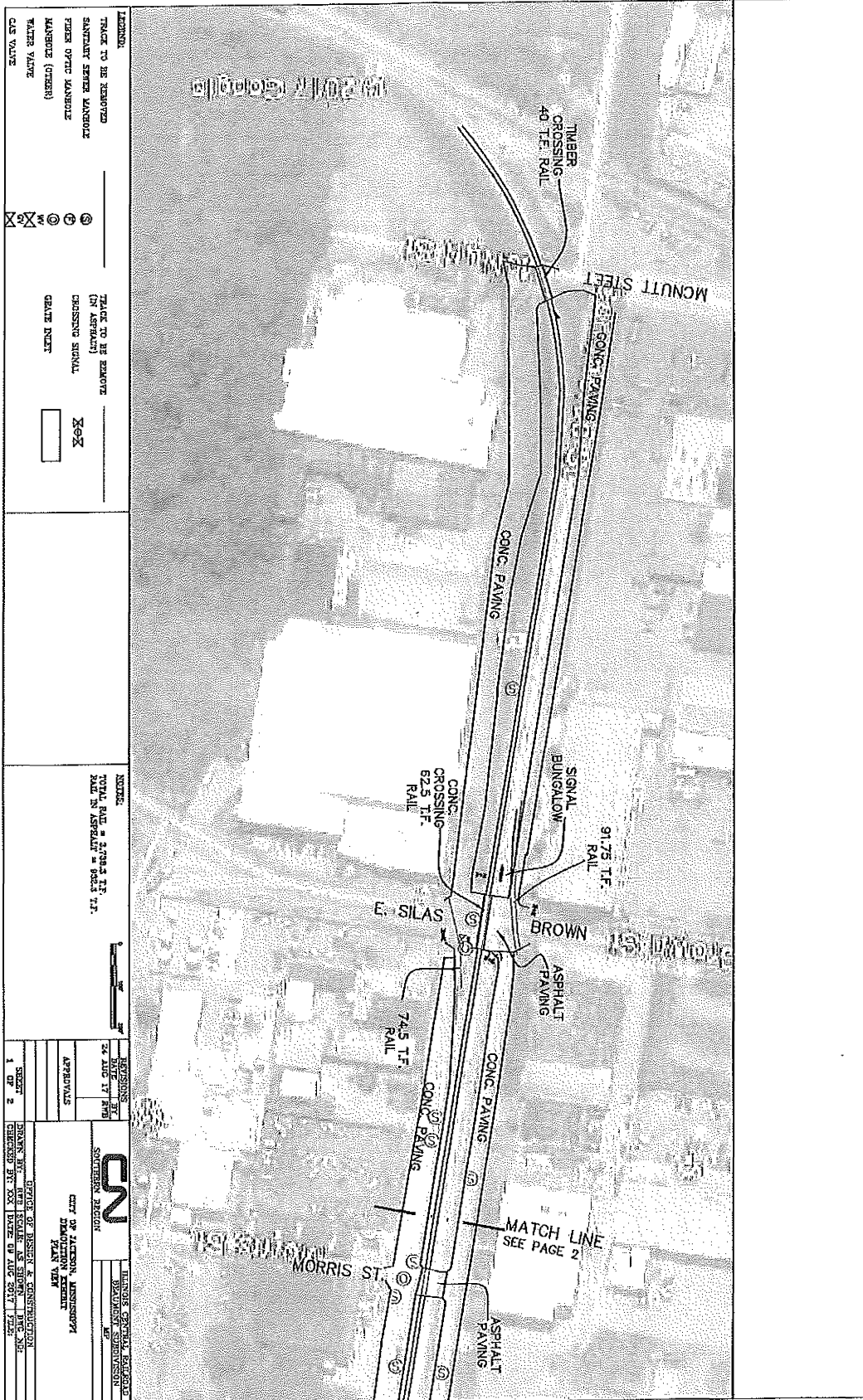


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August 4, 2017

Mr. Darrel McQuirter, Board President
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316 South President Street
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Re: Docket AB 43 (Sub No. 188X) -- Illinois Central Railroad Company -- Proposed
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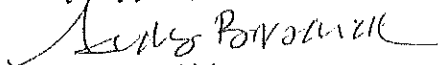
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**RE: Docket AB 43 (Sub. No 188X)—Illinois Central Railroad Company
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Dear Mr. Brodrick:

Hinds County, by and through its Board of Supervisors, considered your request of August 4 2017 at its meeting of August 21, 2017. The Board did not take official action, but did consent to me advising that the Board does not object to the proposed abandonment.

If you need anything further from Hinds County, please advise. Also, please provide the County with a copy of any final STB decision.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY

PIETER TEEUWISSEN

cc: Darrel McQuirter, Board President
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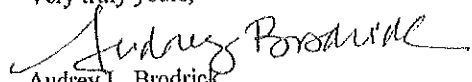
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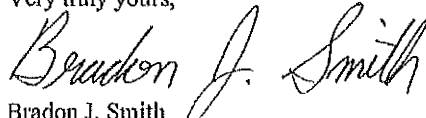
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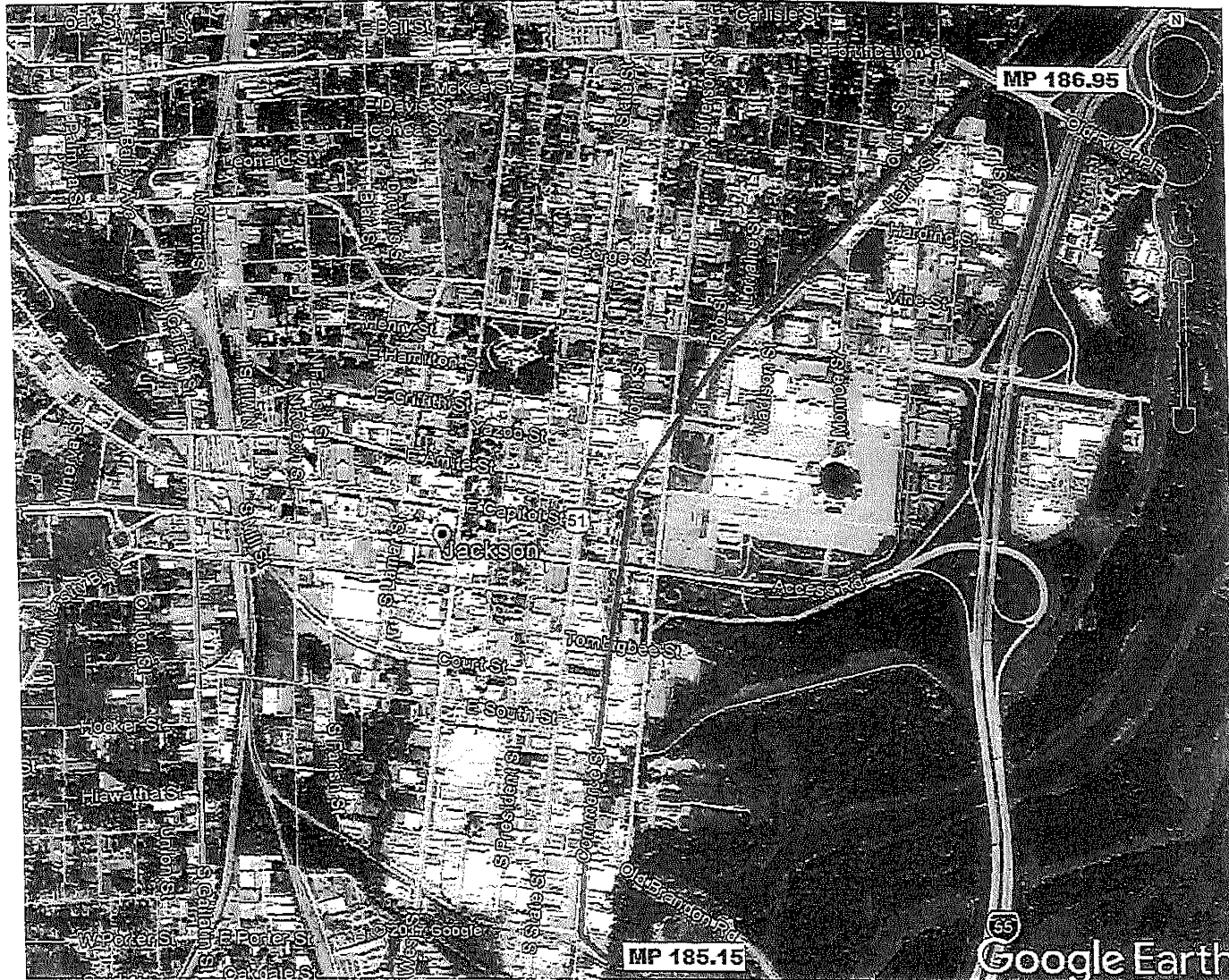


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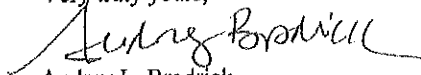
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**Docket AB 43 (Sub No. 188X) - Illinois Central Railroad Company -
Proposed Abandonment in Hinds County, Mississippi**



From: Audrey Brodrick
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 4:02 PM
To: Deborah Guzman
Subject: FW: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-43 (SUB NO. 188X)

-----Original Message-----

From: Simon Monroe [mailto:simon.monroe@noaa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 4:02 PM
To: Audrey Brodrick
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; Denis Riordan; Lucy Hall; Simon Monroe
Subject: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-43 (SUB NO. 188X)

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From: Bradon J. Smith
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 12:07 PM
To: Deborah A. Guzman
Subject: FW: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-43 (SUB NO. 188X)

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From: Simon Monroe [mailto:simon.monroe@noaa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Audrey L. Brodrick
Cc: Bradon J. Smith; SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD; Christine Gallagher; Simon Monroe
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August 4, 2017

Natural Resources Conservation Service
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US EPA Region 4
Attention: V. Anne Heard
Regional Administrator
Atlanta Federal Center (SNAFC)
61 Forsyth Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

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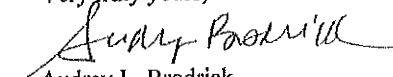
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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
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Biloxi, MS 39530

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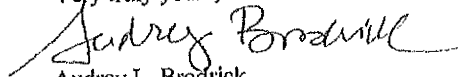
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DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

April 7, 2014

Audrey L. Brodrick
Fletcher and Sippel, LLC
29 North Wacker Drive
Suite 920
Chicago, IL 60606-2832

RE: DMR-140253; Docket AB 43 – Proposed Abandonment in Hinds County, MS

Dear Ms. Brodrick:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has received a request to review the proposed abandonment of approximately 1.8 miles of railroad line in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. Please note that Mississippi Coastal Zone Consistency is only required within the three coastal counties of Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock. However, if the proposed activities will impact wetlands, these are activities that are regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Jennifer Wittmann with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4111 or Jennifer.wittmann@dmr.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

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Willa J. Brantley
Bureau Director, Wetlands Permitting

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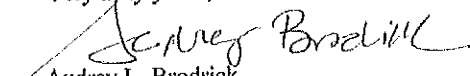
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Century Center
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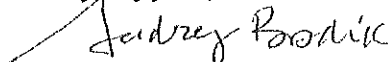
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United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Mississippi Field Office
6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite A
Jackson, Mississippi 39213



April 9, 2014

IN REPLY REFER TO:
2014-I-460

Ms. Audrey Brodrick
Fletcher & Sippel, LLC
29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Ms. Brodrick:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information in your letter dated March 27, 2014, regarding Docket AB 43 (Sub No. 188X) – Illinois Central Railroad Company, proposed abandonment in Hinds County, Mississippi. Our comments are submitted in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

There are no known federally listed species or their habitat in the project area, therefore, the Service has determined the project will have “no effect” on federally listed species. In addition, there are no wildlife refuges, state forests, or other important natural resources in the proposed project area.

If you have any questions, please contact David Felder of our office, telephone: (601) 321-1131.

Sincerely,

for Stephen M. Ricks
Field Supervisor
MS Field Office

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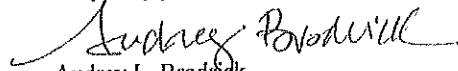
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Re: Docket AB 43 (Sub No. 188X) – Illinois Central Railroad Company --- Proposed
Abandonment in Hinds County, Mississippi

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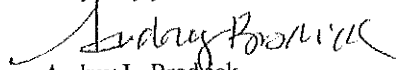
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Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



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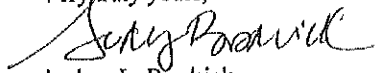
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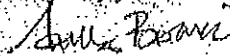
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

VICKSBURG DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

415 CLAY STREET

VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39180-3436

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

April 21, 2014

Operations Division

SUBJECT: Illinois Central Railroad Company, Proposed Abandonment of 1.8 miles of Railroad Line

Mr. Tom Healy
Illinois Central Railroad
17641 South Ashland Avenue
Homewood, Illinois 60430

Dear Mr. Healy:

This is in response to the request for review of possible regulatory requirements for the proposed abandonment of approximately 1.8 miles of the railroad line starting at MP 185.16 and ending at MP 186.95 in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi.

Based upon the information furnished (enclosure 1), it appears that a Department of the Army permit, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, will not be required for the proposed work. In the event that project plans are changed, or if you anticipate any additional construction, please contact this office for a reevaluation of permit requirements and refer to Identification No. MVK-2014-283 when submitting the information.

This determination of Department of the Army regulatory requirements was based upon an approved jurisdictional determination that there are no jurisdictional areas on the property subject to regulation pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and/or to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. An appeals form for this approved jurisdictional determination has been enclosed for your review (enclosure 2).

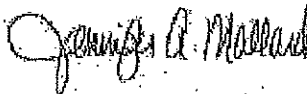
This determination of Department of the Army regulatory requirements does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material or any exclusive privileges, and does not authorize any injury to property or invasion of rights of local laws or regulations, or obviate the requirement to obtain State or local assent required by law for the activity discussed herein.

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If we may be of any further assistance in this matter, please contact Ms. Samantha Claypool of this office, telephone (801) 631-5478, fax (801) 631-5459, or email address: Samantha.H.Claypool@usace.army.mil.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Ms. Audrey L. Brodrick, Fletcher & Sippel, LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832.

Sincerely,



Jennifer A. Mallard
Chief, Permit Section
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Re: Docket AB 43 (Sub No. 188X) -- Illinois Central Railroad Company -- Proposed
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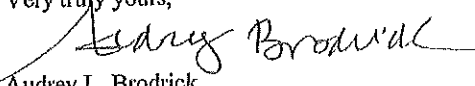
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Very truly yours,


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Re: Docket AB 43 (Sub No. 188X) – Illinois Central Railroad Company -- Proposed
Abandonment in Hinds County, Mississippi

Dear Sir/Madam:

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") is planning to file a notice of exemption with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") for the abandonment of approximately 1.8 miles of railroad line starting at MP 185.15 and ending at MP 186.95 in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. IC initiated the abandonment of this same segment of railroad in 2014, and you were previously notified of the proposed abandonment by letter dated March 27, 2014. Mr. Greg Williamson of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History responded on April 21, 2014 to our letter and raised some questions in his correspondence. Since it has been several years since the initial notification of IC's plans to abandon the subject line, IC is re-notifying required agencies of its intent to abandon this line segment. I am also taking this opportunity to respond to the questions raised in the April 21, 2014 communication from your office.

To begin with, "abandonment" is the permanent cessation of a railroad's common carrier status and removal of the particular line of railroad from the national rail system. Abandonment may, but does not necessarily, include physical removal of the actual rail trackage. In this instance, remaining portions of trackage on the rail segment described above will be removed as part of a public works project related to road improvements in Jackson and coordinated by the relevant road authority. IC's abandonment of the rail segment in this proceeding does not have any impact on the former railroad depot mentioned in the April 21, 2014 letter, which IC does not own.

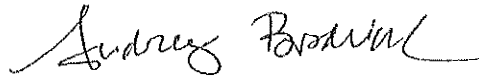
For your convenience, we have attached a map for your reference. In accordance with the Board's historic preservation regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8, IC is advising you of the proposed action so that you may assist us in identifying whether this action will have any effect on any historic structures or sites. Because of the nature of the proposed action, we foresee no adverse effects. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your review and any comments you may wish to offer. We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible so that we may include it in the Environmental/Historic Report for the abandonment, which we intend to file with the STB in three weeks.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Audrey Brodrick".

Audrey L. Brodrick
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November 9, 2017

Mr. Brandon J. Smith
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RE: Docket AB 43 (Sub No. 188X); Requested info for proposed railroad line abandonment in Jackson by Illinois Central Railroad Company, (STB) MDAH Project Log #11-054-17, Hinds County

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have reviewed your November 6, 2017, response to our September 8, 2017 request for additional information, received November 9, 2017, for the above referenced project in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After reviewing the information provided, it is our determination that the proposed railroad line abandonment will have No Adverse Effect on the resource, provided as mentioned, that the "abandonment plans do not entail the removal of the trackage adjacent to the Depot." With this condition we have no reservations with the undertaking.

There remains the possibility that unrecorded cultural resources may be encountered during the project. Should this occur, we would appreciate your contacting this office immediately in order that we may offer appropriate comments under 36 CFR 800.13.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hal Bell".

Hal Bell
Review and Compliance Officer

FOR: Katie Blount
State Historic Preservation Officer