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Daniel R. Elliott III
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Proposed Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service of 144.3 miles of Missouri Central Railroad Company track in Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties, Missouri, STB Docket AB-1068 (Sub-No. 3XS) and STB Docket AB-1070 (Sub-No. 3X)

Dear Chairman Elliott,

The Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR) is planning to file a Notice of Exempt Abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for approval to abandon approximately 144.3 miles of railroads in two segments. The first short segment covers the railroad line between mileposts 263.5 and 262.906 in Cass County, Missouri. The second segment covers the railroad line between milepost 215.325 in Pettis County, Missouri and milepost 71.6 in Franklin County, Missouri.

My office has heard from constituents who live along the affected area, who have voiced concerns that they have not had the opportunity to submit comments to the STB regarding the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service. I also believe a number of landowners are unaware of the proposal. Efforts are underway to inform those adjacent to the abandonment, and it is my belief that some property owners may file comments with the STB. As such, I request that the STB fully consider all input from property owners whose land is adjacent to the proposed abandonment when making their final decision on MCRR's request.

I look forward to the STB's prompt reply on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions or concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

Vicky Hartzler
Member of Congress

