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Ms. Rachel Campbell, Director
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. AB 1068 (Sub-No. 3X) Missouri Central Railroad Company—
Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Cass, Pettis, Benton,
Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties, Missouri; and
Docket No. AB 1070 (Sub-No. 3X) Central Midland Railway Company—Discontinuance
of Service and Operating Rights Exemption—in Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller,
Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties, Missouri

Dear Ms. Campbell:

It has come to our attention that at least one potential operator submitted a bid to acquire the section of the Rock Island rail line proposed for abandonment in this proceeding. If a viable plan for resuming commercial rail traffic has been proposed, we believe this proposal should be considered before the Board concludes its review of the pending request for interim trail use/public use.

An estimated 1000 landowners along the rail corridor are directly affected by this proceeding. On behalf of many of these landowners as well as others whose concerns we have outlined in comments submitted previously, we renew our request for public hearings and urge the Board to thoroughly consider whether viable offers by potential operators have been made.

We appreciate the Board's diligence in addressing these matters and thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Blake Hurst
President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 13th day of February, 2015, served copies of Missouri Farm Bureau's filing regarding Docket No. AB 1068 (Sub-No. 3X) Missouri Central Railroad Company—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties, Missouri upon all known parties of record in this proceeding by first-class mail or a more expeditious method.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leslie Holloway".

Leslie Holloway