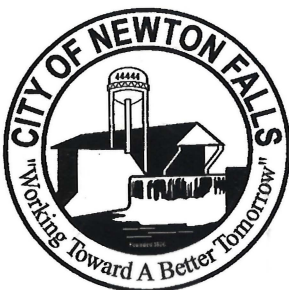


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RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Abandonment Exemption in Trumbull County, OH
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 779X)
Notice of Intent to Make Offer of Financial Assistance

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please be advised that the City of Newton Falls, Ohio ("Offeror") has a potential interest in providing financial assistance in the form of the purchase of the interest of CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") in the line described in the above referenced proceeding. The line would be operated by the Offeror or a contract operator. This letter shall serve as the formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.27 (c) (2).

By letter dated June 8, 2018 a copy of which is enclosed herewith, Offeror requested that CSXT, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.27 (a), provide it with necessary information to enable it to determine whether to make an offer of financial assistance, and, if so, what that offer should be.



The filing of this notice will, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 115727 (c) (2), automatically stay the effective date of the decision granting the exemption for 40 days (i.e., until July 23, 2018.)

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to CSXT's representative in this proceeding to provide CSXT with formal notice of Offeror's intent to file an offer of financial assistance.

Sincerely,



Attorney A. Joseph Fritz

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Enclosure

"I, Attorney A. Joseph Fritz, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading. Executed on 8 May 2018.



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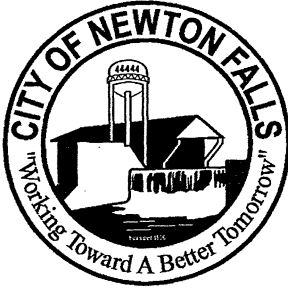
I hereby certify that I have served all parties of record in this proceeding with this document by United States mail.



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STB Docket No. AB-55(Sub-No. 779X)

Dear Attorneys:

Please be advised that the City of Newton Falls ("Offeror") is considering making an offer of financial assistance to acquire the line described in the above referenced proceeding.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.27(a) is requested promptly to provide the undersigned with the following information:

1. Minimum purchase price.
2. Most recent reports on the physical condition of the involved line.

3. A description of any rail, crossings or crossing structures that have been removed, and any estimates of the cost of rebuilding or reinstalling such rail or structure(s).
4. Traffic, revenue and other data, including estimate of the net liquidation value of its interest in the line and supporting data reflecting available real estate appraisals, assessments as to the quality and quantity of track materials in the line, and removal cost estimates (including the cost of transporting removed materials to point of sale or point of storage for relay use). Such data should also include a description of the nature of the title to the real estate involved, including disclosure of all revisionary interests.
5. Copies of any and all environmental audits of the real estate involved, and a description of (a) all sites under investigation by, or being remediated under the supervision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, (b) all known potential environmental liabilities arising out of conditions on the property, (c) all releases of hazardous materials on or about the property, and (d) a history of all customers and industrial users along the line.
6. Offeror and its advisors may wish to inspect the line and property. Please let us know who we should contact to make arrangements for access to the property.

Your prompt attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Attorney A. Joseph Fritz
Law Director