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December 20, 2017

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Office of Environmental Assessment
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

**RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 777X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Fulton County, GA**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On or about December 20, 2017, we expect to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) a Verified Notice of Exemption seeking authority for CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) to abandon an approximately 4.40-mile rail line referred to as the A&WP Subdivision in its Southern Region, Atlanta Division, Atlanta Terminal between milepost XXC 0.0, which begins at the switch to the Norfolk Southern, Oakland Junction near the Ormewood Station, and ends at milepost XXC 4.4 near Glenwood Ave SE, in the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, GA.

Enclosed for electronic filing is the Combined Environmental and Historic Report (“CEHR”) which describes the proposed action and any expected environmental and/or historical effects, as well as maps of the affected area. The CEHR was mailed vial first class mail to the parties required under 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 and under 49 C.F.R. 1105.8(c) on November 30, 2017.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
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Enclosure

COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT (“CEHR”)
(49 C.F.R. 1105.7 and 1105.8)

Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 777X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.–ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION–
IN Fulton County, GA

Dated: December 20, 2017

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

(1) Proposed Action and Alternatives. Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSX Transportation, Inc., (“CSXT”) proposes to abandon the approximately 4.4 -mile rail line referred to as the A&WP Subdivision in the Southern Region, Atlanta Division. Between milepost XXC 0.0, which begins at the switch to the Norfolk Southern, Atlanta Terminal, Oakland Junction in Fulton County near the Ormewood Station, and ends at milepost XXC 4.4 near Glenwood Ave SE, in the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, GA (the “Line”). The Line runs through the U.S. Postal Zip Codes – 30310, 30312, 30315.

Upon receipt of abandonment authority from the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”), CSXT plans to convert the Line to a Trail under a Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) agreement. The track will be removed. However, all bridges and culverts will be left in place.

CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub grade or sub grade structures and does not intend to remove any bridge structures.

The only alternative to a full abandonment would be for CSXT not to abandon the Line. CSXT would allow the Line to remain in a dormant state for the foreseeable future.

A map of the proposed abandonment is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

(2) Transportation System. Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no passenger traffic on the Line to be diverted to other modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no freight traffic on the Line to be diverted to motor carrier. The proposed abandonment should have no adverse effects on regional or local highway systems and traffic patterns.

(3) Land Use. (i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies. (ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land. (iii) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9. (iv) If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 and explain why.

(i) CSXT considers the proposed abandonment of the Line to be consistent with existing land use plans. CSXT notified Fulton County by letter dated November 30, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting comments and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. A copy of the Preliminary CEHR has also been mailed to the appropriate local and state agencies for their information and further comment. No comments have been received to date.

(ii) CSXT does not believe that there is any prime agricultural land that will be affected. CSXT notified the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) Natural Resources Conservation Service (the agency succeeding to the responsibilities of the Soil Conservation Service) of the proposed abandonment by letter dated November 30, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting comments and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(iii) The Line does not pass through a designated coastal zone.

(iv) CSXT believes the Line would be suitable for interim trail use/rail banking.

(4) Energy. (i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources. (ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities. (iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why. (iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

(i) The proposed abandonment will have no affect the ability to transport energy resources.

(ii) The proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of recyclable commodities.

(iii) The proposed abandonment will not change the use of railroad transportation over the line as CSX doesn't currently ship over the line.

(iv) The proposed abandonment will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads a year; or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the line segments of rail traffic to motor carriage.

(5) Air. (i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions. For a proposal under 49 U.S.C. § 10901 (or § 10505) to construct a new line or reinstitute service over a previously abandoned line, only the eight train a day provision in sub-section (5)(i)(A) will apply. (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line; (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity); or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan. However, for a rail construction under 49 U.S.C. § 10901 (or 49 U.S.C. § 10505), or a case involving the reinstitution of service over a previously abandoned line, only the three train a day threshold in this item shall apply. (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and

spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not result in meeting or exceeding the specified thresholds.

(ii) The proposed abandonment will not result in meeting or exceeding the specified thresholds.

(iii) The proposed abandonment will not affect the transportation of ozone depleting materials.

(6) Noise. If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more; or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

Not applicable.

(7) Safety. (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings). (ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials. (iii) If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.

(i) The proposed abandonment will have no detrimental effects on public health and safety. At-grade crossings will be removed after the abandonment has been consummated.

(ii) The proposed abandonment will not affect the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) A semi-tractor got hung up on the crossing at Boulevard Street and release approx.

10 gallons of diesel which CSXT cleaned up using appropriate methods.

Reginald Richardson occupied the location at 1210 Allene Ave and drained motor oil, coolant, and transmission fluid onto the ground surface. Richardson vacated the premises and in 1995, CSXT hired Applied Engineering & Science, Inc. to conduct a Phase I investigation of the property. The report concluded that no remedial action was required at the site.

H.B. Fuller Company occupied the property at 655 Mead Street. In 1989 Fuller vacated the property and sold it to CSXT. CSXT completed \$120,000 worth of remediation work at the property.

(8) Biological Resources. (i) Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects. (ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

(i) CSXT does not believe that the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat. CSXT has notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USF&W") of the proposed abandonment by letter dated November 30, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in determining whether the proposed abandonment will adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(ii) CSXT does not believe any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests would be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment.

CSXT has notified the National Parks Service of the proposed abandonment by letter dated November 30, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying any potential

effects on wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. NO comments have been received to date.

(9) Water. (i) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies. (ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects. (iii) State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342) are required for the proposed action.

(i) CSXT is confident that the proposed abandonment will be consistent with applicable water quality standards. CSXT notified the State Environmental Protection Agency (“SEPA”), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”) by letters dated November 30, 2017 (*See Exhibit 2*) requesting assistance in identifying any potential effects on water quality standards and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(ii) CSXT believes that no permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act are required for the proposed abandonment and that no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected by the proposed abandonment. Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right-of-way for access. No new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and does not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. CSXT will transport crossties and/or other debris away from the Line and will not discard them along the right-of-way or place or leave them in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways. Based upon this course

of action, CSXT does not believe a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

CSXT notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by letter dated November 30, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act are required for the proposed abandonment and that no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected by the proposed abandonment water quality standards and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(iii) CSXT believes that no permit under section 402 of the Clean Water Act would be required for the abandonment. CSXT notified the SEPA and the USEPA by letter dated November 30, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying whether permit under section 402 of the Clean Water Act would be required for the abandonment permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act would be required for the abandonment and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(10) Proposed Mitigation. Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

CSXT does not expect any adverse environmental impact from the proposed abandonment and, therefore, sees no need for any mitigating actions. CSXT will, of course, adhere to any remedial actions required by the Board.

HISTORIC REPORT

1. A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action;

U.S. Geological Survey Maps have been supplied to the State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (*See Exhibit 3*) along with this preliminary CEHR.

2. A written description of the right of way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristics of the surrounding area;

The right of way width along this right of way is approximately 25 feet from the centerline of track. The Line starts approximately 1000 feet north east of the Murphy Ave SW and Avon Ave SW intersection in Atlanta, GA and continues on east for Approximately 4.4 miles and ends at Glenwood Ave SE.

3. Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area;

There are six bridges and one tunnel on the Line that are greater than 50 years old. All photographs are labeled by milepost location under Exhibit 4.

4. The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known;

Bridge Number XXC 0.70 an open deck located at Metropolitan Parkway was built in 1927.

Bridge Number XXC 1.30 was built in 1952.

Bridge Number XXC 1.60 an open deck located at Pryor Road S.W. was built in 1927.

Bridge Number XXC 2.40 a ballasted deck located at Hill Street was built in 1927.

Bridge Number XXC 3.53 a ballasted deck located at Confederate Street was built in 1927.

Bridge Number XXC 3.94 a standard track section located at Ormewood Avenue was built in 1927.

Tunnel XXC 2.0 located in Atlanta, GA is made of brick, concrete and rock and was built in 1927.

5. A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action;

The Atlanta and West Point Rail Road was a railroad in the State of Georgia, forming the east portion of the Atlanta-Selma West Point Route. The company was chartered in 1847 as the Atlanta and LaGrange Rail Road and renamed in 1857; construction of the 5 ft (1,524 mm) gauge line was begun in 1849-50 and completed in May 1854. A large minority interest owned by the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company eventually passed under the control of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad (ACL), which later acquired a majority of the stock.

In the late 20th century restructuring, through the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad (SCL), successor to the ACL, the A&WP came under the Family Lines System banner in 1972. Years later in June 1986, it was merged into the Seaboard System Railroad, successor to the SCL. The former A&WP property is now owned by CSX Transportation.

6. A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic;

CSXT possesses valuation maps and track charts of the Line, but is not aware of any other documentation in its possession.

7. An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities);

CSXT believes that the bridges and the tunnel on the Line are not unusual or noteworthy for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. It is also CSXT's opinion that there are no archeological resources or other railroad related historic properties in the project area.

Moreover, since the line will be used for trail use, CSXT does not plan to alter, remove or dispose of any of the bridges that are on the Line.

8. A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or manmade) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic waste), and the surrounding terrain.

Based on a review of its records, CSXT believes that there are no known subsurface ground disturbances or fill, or environmental conditions that might affect the archeological

recovery of any potential resources.

9. Within 30 days of receipt of the historic report, the State Historic Preservation Officer may request the following additional information regarding specific non railroad owned properties or groups of properties immediately adjacent to the railroad right-of-way: photographs of specified properties that can be readily seen from the railroad right-of-way (or other public rights-of-way adjacent to the property) and a written description of any previously discovered archeological sites, identifying the location and type of the site (*i.e.* prehistoric or native American).

CSXT does not foresee the likelihood that any additional information will need to be supplied in association with the proposed abandonment other than that information previously submitted. But, if any additional information is requested, CSXT will promptly supply the necessary information.

CSXT notified the Georgia Heritage Council by letter dated November 30, 2017 (*See* Exhibit 2) requesting assistance to determine whether there are any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. Received comments will be included in the final CEHR.

EXHIBIT 1 – MAP

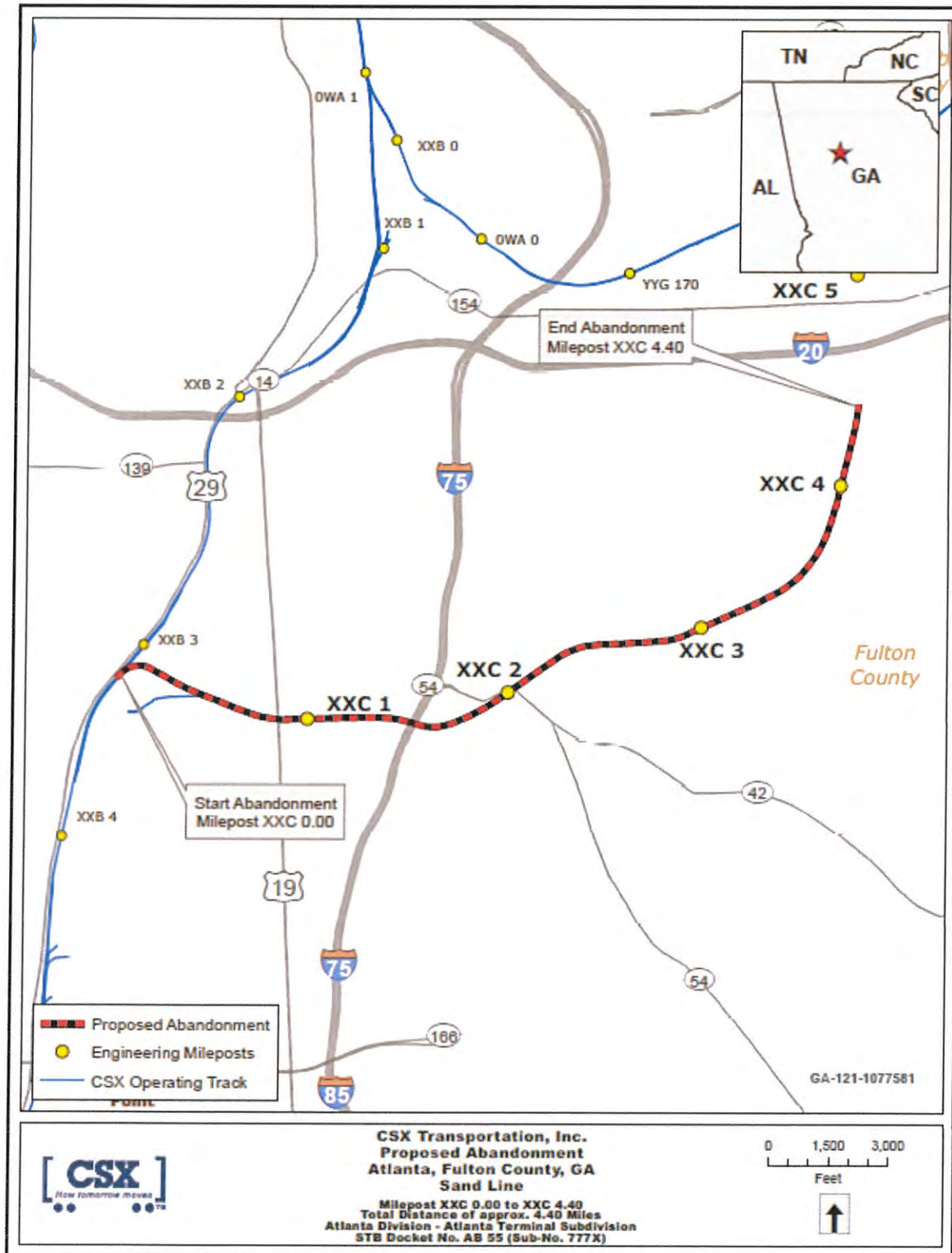


EXHIBIT 2 – LETTERS (WITHOUT MAPS)



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November 30, 2017

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 777X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
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Dear Sir/Madam:

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Upon receipt of abandonment authority from the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), CSXT will consummate the abandonment and abandon the Line.

This action requires Board environmental and historic review under 49 C.F.R. 1105.6(b)(2). A portion of CSXT's Combined Environmental and Historic Report (CEHR) must be:

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Also enclosed is the distribution list of all parties who have been requested to comment on the CEHR. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

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Mayor Kasim Reed
City of Atlanta
55 Trinity Ave
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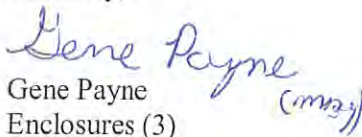
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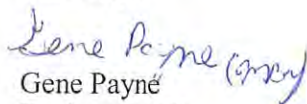
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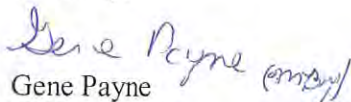
This action requires Board environmental and historic review under 49 C.F.R. 1105.6(b)(2). A portion of CSXT's Combined Environmental and Historic Report (CEHR) must be:

"Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, please state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Please describe any inconsistencies."

CSXT would appreciate your comments regarding current and future land use in relationship to the Line. Enclosed is CSXT's Preliminary CEHR with CSXT's analysis of current and future land use. Please respond by email to Floyd_Payne@csx.com or by mail to the above address, within 20 days of the date of this letter so that CSXT can include and analyze your comments in its Final CEHR.

Also enclosed is the distribution list of all parties who have been requested to comment on the CEHR. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 777X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Fulton County, GA*

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Upon receipt of abandonment authority from the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), CSXT will consummate the abandonment and abandon the Line.

This action requires Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 (e)(9) (i) and (iii) require that CSXT develop a response to the following statements:

(i) *"Based on consultation with State Water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies."*

(iii) *"State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1342 are required for the proposed action."*

There are no refueling or maintenance areas within the project area. The removal of CSXT's rail material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. During track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any watercourses.



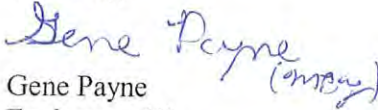
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Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate receiving your concurrence with its position that the proposed project is consistent with applicable Federal, State and local water quality standards, and that no permits under Section 402 are required at this time. As further information, CSXT would appreciate your comments regarding current and future land use in relationship to the Line. Any questions can be sent electronically to Floyd_Payne@CSX.com by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Enclosed are a distribution list of all parties that have been copied on the proposed action, a map of the proposed location and the preliminary Combined Environmental and Historical Report for the line. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

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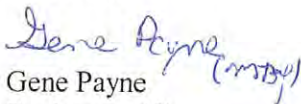
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Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact to any federally-listed endangered or threatened species, critical habitats, wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks, or forests.

CSXT would appreciate your comments regarding current and future land use in relationship to the Line. Any questions can be sent electronically to Floyd_Payne@CSX.com by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

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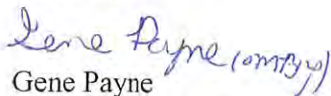
Upon receipt of abandonment authority from the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), CSXT will consummate the abandonment and abandon the Line.

This action requires Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(c) require that advance notice be given to afford your agency a reasonable opportunity to provide meaningful input.

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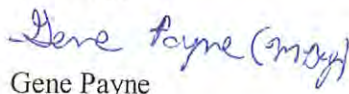
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This action requires Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(e)(9) (ii) require that CSXT develop responses to the following statement:

“Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100 year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.”

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact on wetlands or 100-year flood plains, and that no permits under Section 404 will be required.

CSXT would appreciate your comments regarding current and future land use in relationship to the Line. Any questions can be sent electronically to Floyd_Payne@CSX.com by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS).



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National Geodetic Survey
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 777X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Fulton County, GA*

Dear Mr. Monroe:

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Please advise if there are any geodetic markers which could be affected by the proposed transaction. Any questions can be sent electronically to Floyd_Payne@CSX.com by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 777X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
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In connection with rail line that is the subject of an application for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a preliminary Combined Environmental and Historic Report ("CEHR") covering the above-proposed abandonment.

We would appreciate receiving a letter from your office confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources. Any questions can be sent electronically to Floyd_Payne@CSX.com by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

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USDA – NRCS
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 775X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN

Dear Sir/Madam:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) proposes to abandon an approximately 62.3-mile rail line on its Northern Region, Louisville Division, Hoosier Subdivision between near Bedford, milepost 00Q251.7, and near New Albany, milepost 00Q314.0, all in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN (the “Line”). The Line runs through the following zip codes-47150, 47172, 47106, 47143, 47165, 47167, 47108, 47452, 47446, and 47421.

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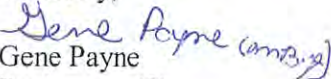
“Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.”

Please advise if any of the land contiguous to CSXT’s line in the project area is classified as prime agriculture land.

CSXT would appreciate your comments regarding current and future land use in relationship to the Line. Any questions can be sent electronically to Floyd_Payne@CSX.com by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

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EXHIBIT 3 – USGS MAPS

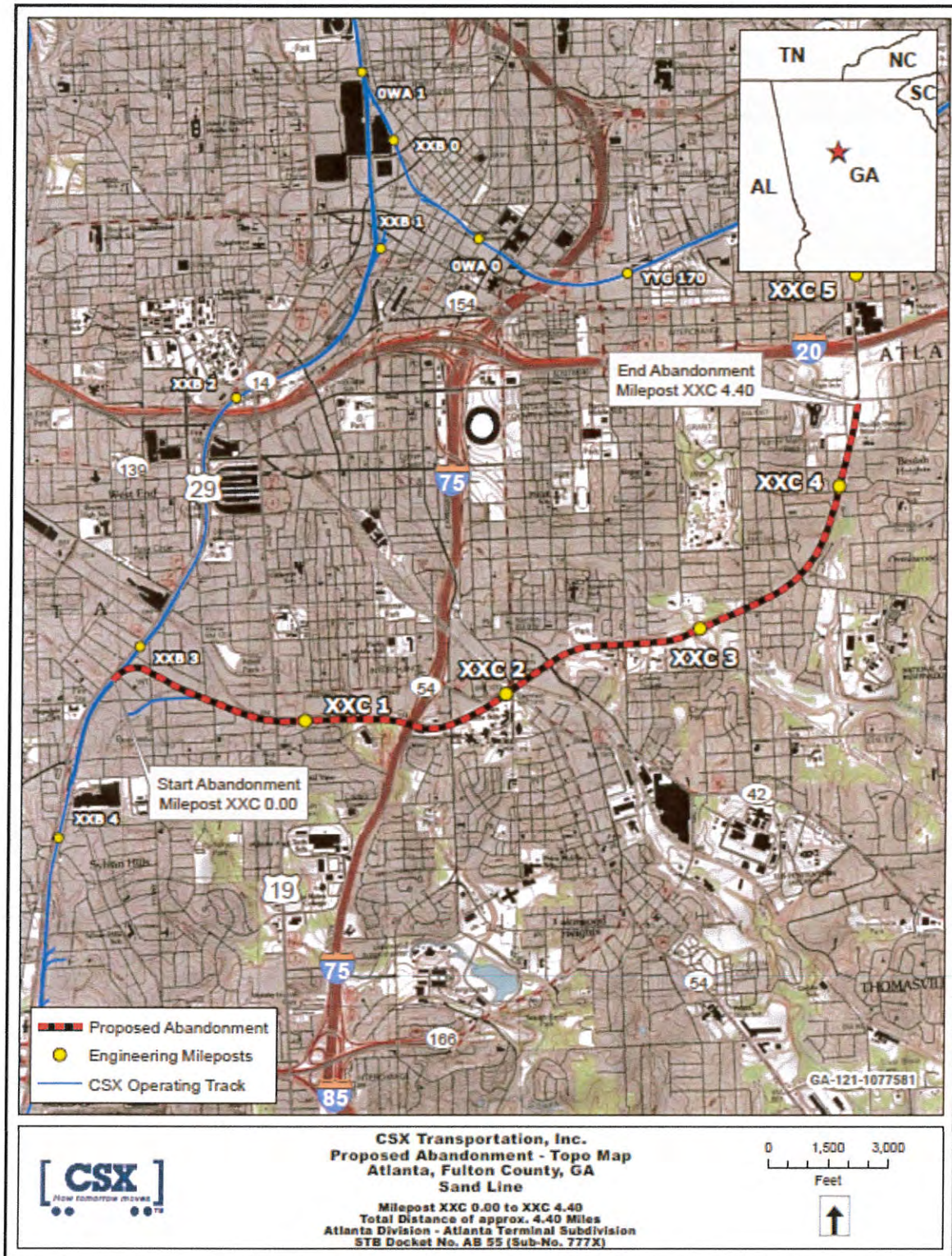


EXHIBIT 4 – PHOTOGRAPHS

Bridge Number XXC 0.70



Bridge Number XXC 1.30



Bridge Number XXC 1.60



Bridge Number XXC 2.4



Bridge Number XXC 3.53



Bridge Number XXC 3.94



Tunnel XXC 2.0

