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Ms. Vicki Rutson
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

SUBJECT: Michigan Air-Line Railway Co. – Abandonment Exemption –
Line in Oakland County, Michigan, STB Docket No. AB-1053 (Sub-No. 1X)

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) received notification on January 5, 2011, from the law firm of Alderson, Alderson, Weiler, Conklin, Burghart & Crow, L.L.C., regarding an expected January 28, 2011 Michigan Air-Line Railway Co. (MAL Railway) filing of a Notice of Exemption to abandon service over approximately 5.45 miles of rail line in Oakland County, Michigan.

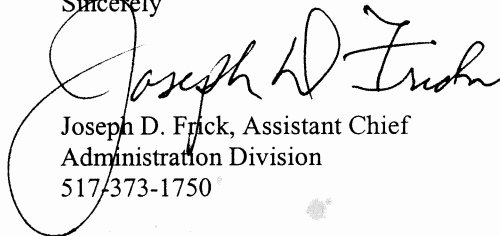
With the notification, the Department was provided a copy of the Combined Environmental and Historic Report that the MAL Railway will submit to the Surface Transportation Board (STB). The appropriate divisions within the Department will be provided a copy of the report for review. Comments will be sent to the STB as required or deemed necessary.

Please note that Governor Snyder has issued an Executive Order abolishing the DNRE and creating the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Environmental Quality). The effective date is March 13. As a result, most programs and authorities return to the DNR or DEQ, based on where they existed before the DNRE was formed.

In the future, the DEQ will resume its role as the state agency to be consulted under the STB's environmental rules.

If you need further information or assistance, please contact Mr. Roger Storm, Trailway Acquisition Specialist, at 517-335-3258, or at stormr@michigan.gov.

Sincerely


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