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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: **STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 618**
CSX Transportation Notice of Petition for Exemption to Discontinue a Line
of Railroad in Shelby County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit for CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Petition of Exemption filed on July 12, 2002, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Intent to Discontinue Rail Service was published on July 11, 2002, in *The Commercial Appeal*, in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

Natalie S. Rosenberg

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COUNTY OF SHELBY



Personally appeared before me Ruth E. Merrill, a Notary Public,
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of August 2002.

Ruth E. Merrill Notary Public

My commission expires December 29, 2003

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**Notice of Intent to
Discontinue Rail Service**

CSX Transportation, Inc. give notice that on or about July 12, 2002, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10505 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10902, et seq., permitting the discontinuance of service on the 1.1 mile rail line portion of its Midwest Region, Nashville Division, Memphis Terminal between milepost ONI 224.6 at Memphis, TN and milepost ONI 222.9 east of Memphis, TN (the "Line"), which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 38111 and 38112, all in Shelby County, TN. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 4182X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 60 days after the filing of the petition for discontinuance exemption.

Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 30 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling SEA at 202-427-4211.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 202 E. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-545-1500. Copies of any comments for proposed EA conditions should be served on the applicant's representative Natalie S. Rosenbom Esq., CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202, 904-259-1223, and Louis E. Ottomero Esq., Ball Janik, LLP, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 638-3307.

