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October 15, 2002

Hon. Vernon A Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW (7th Flr)
Washington D.C. 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub.-No. 2X)
Abandonment Exemption
In Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, and Peoria Counties, Illinois

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Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub.-No. 2X) – Abandonment Exemption – In Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, and Peoria Counties, Illinois, are the original and ten (10) copies of Peoria County's comments for the public participation portion of the abandonment and discontinuance of rail lines and rail transportation.

Additional copies of this letter and its attachments have been forwarded to the applicant's attorney. If you have any questions concerning the foregoing which you believe I may be able to answer or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

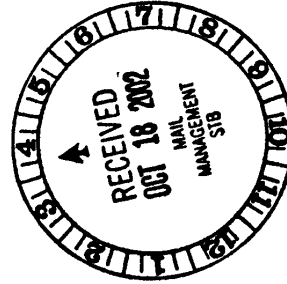
Sincerely yours,

David T Williams, Sr
Peoria County Board Chairman

Enc.

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON D. C. 20423



STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X)

SF&L RAILWAY, INC
-- ABAONDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN HANCOCK, MCDONOUGH, FULTON, AND PEORIA COUNTIES, IL

PUBLIC COMMENT
BY
PEORIA COUNTY, IL

The County of Peoria does hereby request that should the SF&L Railway be abandoned, that SF&L Railway, Inc. be required to be financially responsible for the removal of rural railroad grade crossings in rural Peoria County, Illinois, identified more specifically in Exhibit A attached hereto. Furthermore, once removed, Peoria County requests that SF&L Railway, Inc. be required to be financially responsible for the repair of the existing rural road surfaces associated with the removal of the grade crossings. In rural Peoria County, there are three (3) county highway grade crossings, and four (4) township road district grade crossings, as shown in Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,
COUNTY OF PEORIA

By its County Board Chairman,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Williams", with a small mark below it that looks like "b7510".

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Dated: October 16, 2002

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EXHIBIT A

Highway Jurisdiction	Road Name	Route Number	ADT (1999)	Road Surface	DOT Crossing Number	Crossing Surface	Crossing Section
Peoria County	Glasford Rd	CH R-33	2,150	Bit. Concrete	801643H	Plank	Flashing Lights
Peoria County	Kingston Mines Rd	CH R-36	325	Bit. Surface	801647K	Plank	Cross Bucks
Peoria County	Mapleton Rd	CH D-60	600	Bit. Surface	801652G	Plank	Flashing Lights
Timber Township	Trivoli Rd	TR 84	175	Bit. Surface	801434A	Plank	Cross Bucks
Timber Township	Strube Rd	TR 100	50	Bit. Surface	801641V	Plank	Cross Bucks
Timber Township	Main St	TR 301	550	Bit. Surface	801645W	Plank	Cross Bucks
Hollis Township	Reed City Rd	TR 192	100	Bit. Surface	801648S	Plank	Cross Bucks