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

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 11X) - 206578
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X) - 206579
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
CSX Transportation, Inc. - Discontinuance of Service
In Lake County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in Paragraph 9 of New York Central Lines, LLC and CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Notice of Exemption filed on October 11, 2002, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Exemption was published on October 10, 2002, in *The News-Herald* in Mentor, Lake County, Ohio.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

Enclosures

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The State of Ohio
Lake County, ss



Jennifer Lazor, being first duly sworn, says that she is the designated agent of The News-Herald, a newspaper printed and of general circulation in the Counties of Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, and other districts; and in compliance with sections 7.12 and 5721.1 of the revised code of the State of Ohio as amended, effective September 14, 1957; that the attached notice was published on the same day of each week for a period of one consecutive weeks in said newspaper commencing October 10, 2002.

Jennifer Lazor
(signed)

Total Cost \$ 113.84

STB No. AB-365 (Sub-No. 11X)
STB No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 617X)
Notice of Petition for Exemption
to Abandonment of Railroad
The Ohio Central Railroad
The Ohio Central Railroad LLC
gives notice that on October 11, 2002, it
has filed a petition with the Surface
Transportation Board, Washington,
DC 20003, for approval of the
abandonment of 49 U.S.C. 10903, et seq.,
permitting the abandonment of the
line, respectively, of approximately
2.56 miles of the line of railroad
former B&O Valuation Station
#235-40 to the end of track at full
Crown Valuation Station #5401
between Pettisville and Clinton, IL,
Lake County, Ohio, which travels
through United States Postal Service
ZIP Codes 44071 and 44045. The
proceeding has been docketed as No.
AB-365 (Sub-No. 11X) and No. AB-
55 (Sub-No. 617X).
The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental
Analysis (SEA) will generally
prepare an Environmental Analysis
Statement (EAS) which will normally be
available 60 days after the filing of
the petition for abandonment.
Comments on environmental
and energy issues should be filed
with the SEA within 30 days after the EAS
is made available to the public.
Interested persons may obtain a
copy of the EAS or make inquiries re-
garding environmental matters by
writing to SEA, Surface Transportation
Board, Washington, DC 20003
or by calling SEA at (202) 365-1506.
Appropriate offers of financial as-
sistance to continue rail service can
be filed with the Board. Requests for
environmental conditions, public use
conditions, or rail benefits can also
be filed with the Board. An original and
three copies of the petition should be
filed with the Board. The public should
be notified of the petition and of the
assistance available. The Board's Office of the Secretary
1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 365-1104, and
(202) 365-1104, and one copy should be
served on applicants.
(See 49 CFR 1104.12(a), which
regarding other of petition for
abandonment, public use, or rail
benefits should be filed with the
Board's Office of the Secretary
1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC
(202) 365-1504. Copies of any other
plans or information should be
filed with the Board's Office of the
Secretary (202) 365-1504, and
General, Surface Transportation, DC