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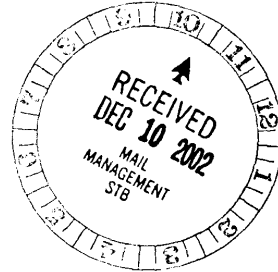
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Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 619X), CSX Transportation, Inc. -- Abandonment  
Exemption -- in Allegan County, MI

Dear Mr. Williams:

In accordance with the Board's decision in the above proceeding served November 29, 2002, ordering paragraph 3, Hamilton Farm Bureau, 4670 East Washington, Hamilton, MI 49419, hereby files an offer of financial assistance (OFA) to allow rail service to continue. The filing fee of \$1,100 was sent to the Board with Mr. Robert Fenton's letter to the Board, dated December 4, 2002, copy attached. The OFA is for purchase of the entire rail line for \$60,000. Ten copies of this offer are being sent with the original by overnight mail. Counsel for CSX Transportation, Inc. is being served by fax.

Very truly yours,

*Tom McFarland*

Thomas F. McFarland  
Attorney for Hamilton Farm Bureau

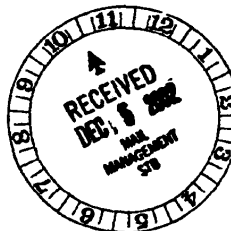
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cc: Natalie Rosenberg ) by fax to 904-359-1248,  
Counsel for CSXT ) w/confirmation by mail  
  
Mr. Robert Fenton ) by fax to 616-751-5206,  
Hamilton Farm Bureau ) w/confirmation by mail



**HAMILTON  
FARM BUREAU**

December 4, 2002



Via UPS Next Day Air  
Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Mercury Building  
1925 K. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 619X)  
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment  
Exemption in Allegan County, Michigan

Dear Mr. Williams:

The purpose of this letter is to serve as Hamilton Farm Bureau's notice of intent to offer financial assistance to allow the rail service to continue in regard to the above-captioned proceeding. A check in the amount of \$1,100 to cover the filing fee is enclosed. A similar notice requesting financial data is being forwarded today to Natalie Rosenberg, CSXT Counsel.

I would appreciate your acknowledgement of receipt of this document by stamping the extra enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

*Robert Fenton* <sup>MR</sup>

Robert Fenton  
President/CEO

cc: Natalie Rosenberg, CSXT

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