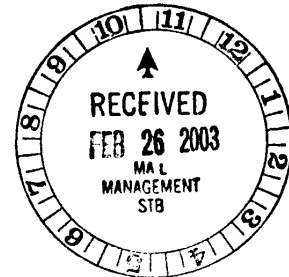




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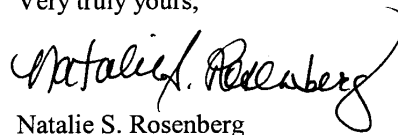
Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 13X) → 207299
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 628X) → 207300
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Discontinuance of Service
Notice of Exemption to Abandon in Bronx County, New York

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 February 21, 2003, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Exemption was published on February 14, 2003, in *The New York Times* in New York, New York County, New York.

Very truly yours,


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Notice of Exemption to Abandon a Line of Railroad

New York Central Lines, LLC and CSX Transportation, Inc. hereby give notice that on or about February 21, 2003, they intend to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment and discontinuance of service, respectively, of a 1.5 mile line of railroad in the Northeast Region, known as the Albany Division, New York Terminal Subdivision, between Melrose (Milepost QVP 0.0) and the southernmost edge of the tunnel at Southern Blvd. (Milepost QVP 1.5), in Bronx County, New York, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 10454, 10455, and 10456. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 13X) and No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 628X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice for abandonment exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 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 the SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling SEA at (202) 927-4211.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters (such as trails use, public use and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 (See 49 CFR 1104.1(e) and 1104.3(a)), and one copy must be served on applicant's representative (See 49 CFR 1104.12(b)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 565-1994. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative (Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202).

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