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Secretary Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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**RE: Proposed Abandonment by Central Michigan Railway Company
Docket No. AB-308 (Sub-No. 3X)
Environmental and Historic Reports**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket an original and ten (10) copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report prepared pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8, with the corresponding Certificates of Service pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(c) and 1105.11.

Central Michigan Railway Company anticipates filing a Petition for Exemption in this matter on or about July 14, 2003. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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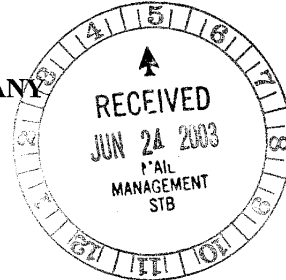
**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

DOCKET NO. AB-308 (SUB-NO. 3X)

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN RAILWAY COMPANY
- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION -
IN SAGINAW COUNTY, MI**

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT



The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e):

(1) Proposed Action And Alternatives

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also, describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

Central Michigan Railway Company ("CMRC") proposes to abandon approximately 1.75 miles of rail line located in Saginaw County, Michigan, running from railroad milepost ("MP") 17.21 to MP 15.46 (the "Line"). The Line currently serves only three customers, two of which have not utilized the Line in the past two years while the third has been active only to a very minimal extent.

Abandonment of the Line will result in the removal of the rail, crossties, other track material, and ballast. Maintenance of the Line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the opportunity costs of remaining on the Line to all other CMRC customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

A map which delineates the proposed project is attached (*See Attachment 1*).

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(2) **TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no CMRC passenger traffic on the Line. Freight traffic on the Line will be served by motor carriers that serve the area if the lone active shipper currently served by the Line decides to remain at its location. Motor carriers in the area currently service this shipper.

(3) **LAND USE**

- (i) **Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.**

CMRC does not consider the proposed abandonment to be inconsistent with existing land use plans. CMRC has contacted the chairman of the Saginaw County Board of Supervisors regarding this proposed abandonment. *See* Attachment 2. A copy of this report has been supplied to the chairman of the Saginaw County Board of Supervisors for information and comment.

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.**

CMRC does not believe that the proposed abandonment will have any adverse impact on prime agricultural land. CMRC has contacted the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Midwest Regional Office, regarding this proposed abandonment and requested assistance in identifying any potential effects on prime agricultural land. *See* Attachment 3. A copy of this report has been supplied to the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Midwest Regional Office, for its information and comment.

- (iii) **If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by § 1105.9.**

The action does not affect land or water uses within Michigan's designated coastal zone.

- (iv) **If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.**

In the opinion of CMRC, the properties proposed for abandonment might be suitable for other public purposes or for utility corridor usage.

(4) **ENERGY**

- (i) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the transportation of energy resources.

- (ii) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

- (iii) **State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.**

The proposed action will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

- (iv) **If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given. To minimize the production of repetitive data, the information on overall efficiency in § 1105.7(e)(4)(iii) need not be supplied if the more detailed information in § 1105.7(e)(4)(iv) is required.**

There will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage in excess of the above thresholds.

(5) **AIR**

- (i) **If the proposed action will result in either: (A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity), or (C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10**

percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (ii) **If the proposed action affects a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either: (A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line, (B) An increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity), or (C) An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.**

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (iii) **If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.**

Not applicable.

(6) NOISE

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) An incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more; or (ii) An increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(7) SAFETY

- (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).**

The proposed abandonment will have no detrimental effects on public health and safety. The Line does not contain any railroad grade crossings.

- (ii) **If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.**

The proposed abandonment will not impact the transportation of hazardous materials.

- (iii) **If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.**

CMRC is unaware of any hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been hazardous material spills on this Line.

(8) BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (i) **Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.**

CMRC is confident that the proposed abandonment will not have an adverse impact on endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat. CMRC contacted the regional office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Twin Cities, Minnesota (which has jurisdiction over Michigan) regarding the proposed abandonment and requested assistance in determining whether endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat are likely to be adversely impacted. *See* Attachment 4. A copy of this report has been supplied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its information and comment.

- (ii) **State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Based upon CMRC's review of the area, the Line is not within any wildlife sanctuary or refuge, National or State parks or forests. CMRC has contacted the National Park Service regarding the proposed abandonment and requested assistance in determining whether the proposed abandonment will have any potential effects on wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, or National or State parks or forests. *See* Attachment 5. A copy of this report has been supplied to the National Park Service for its information and comment.

(9) **WATER**

- (i) **Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.**

CMRC is confident that the proposed abandonment will be consistent with applicable water quality standards. CMRC contacted the Michigan Department for Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") and the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") concerning this matter requesting assistance in determining whether the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. *See* Attachment 6 and 7. A copy of this report is being supplied to the MDEQ and the EPA for their information and further comment.

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.**

CMRC is confident that no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be adversely impacted by the proposed abandonment. CMRC contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, concerning these matters. *See* Attachment 8. A copy of this report is being supplied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for its information and comment.

- (iii) **State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required.)**

Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. CMRC does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and does not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the Line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering and waterways.

Based upon this course of action, Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

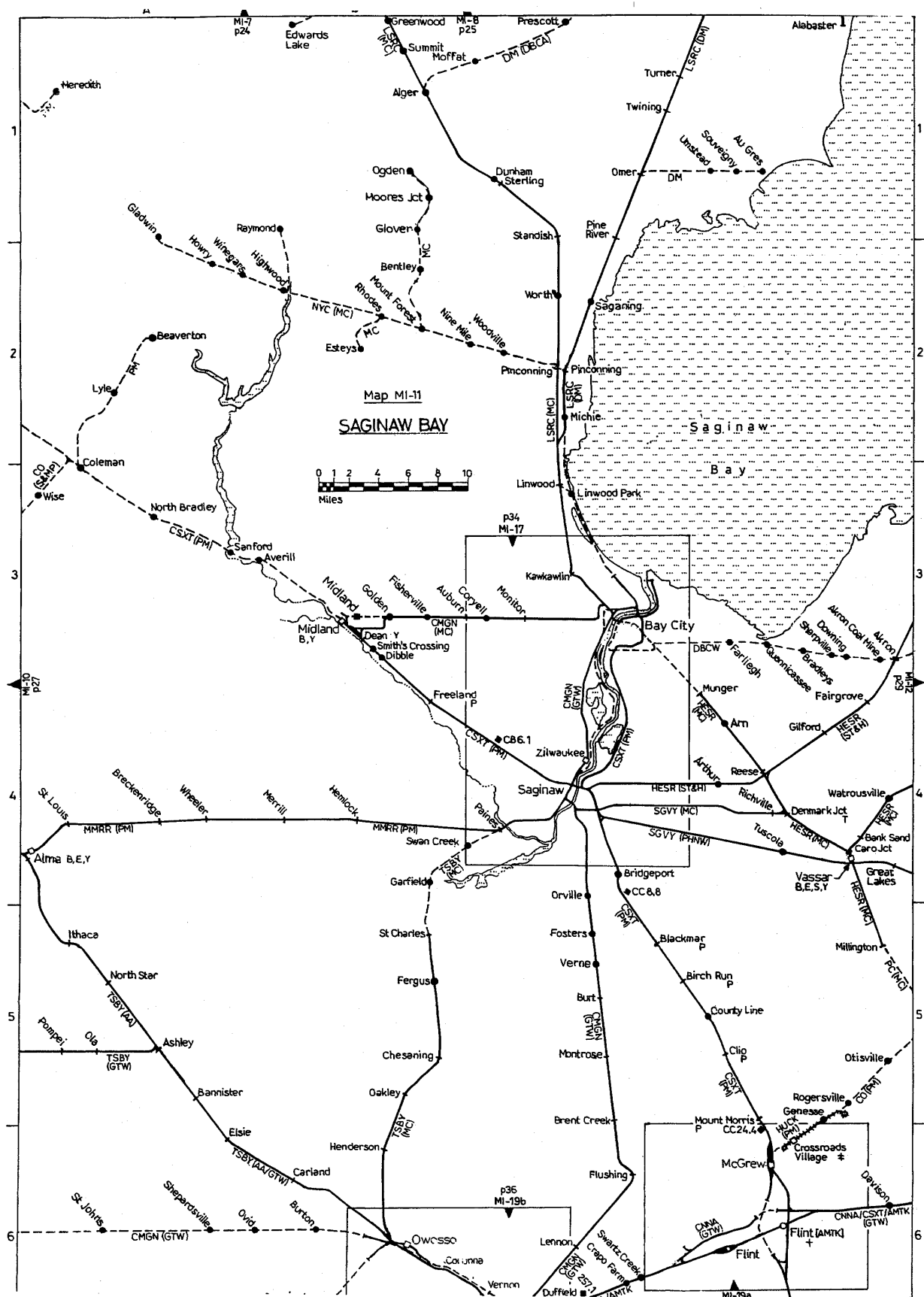
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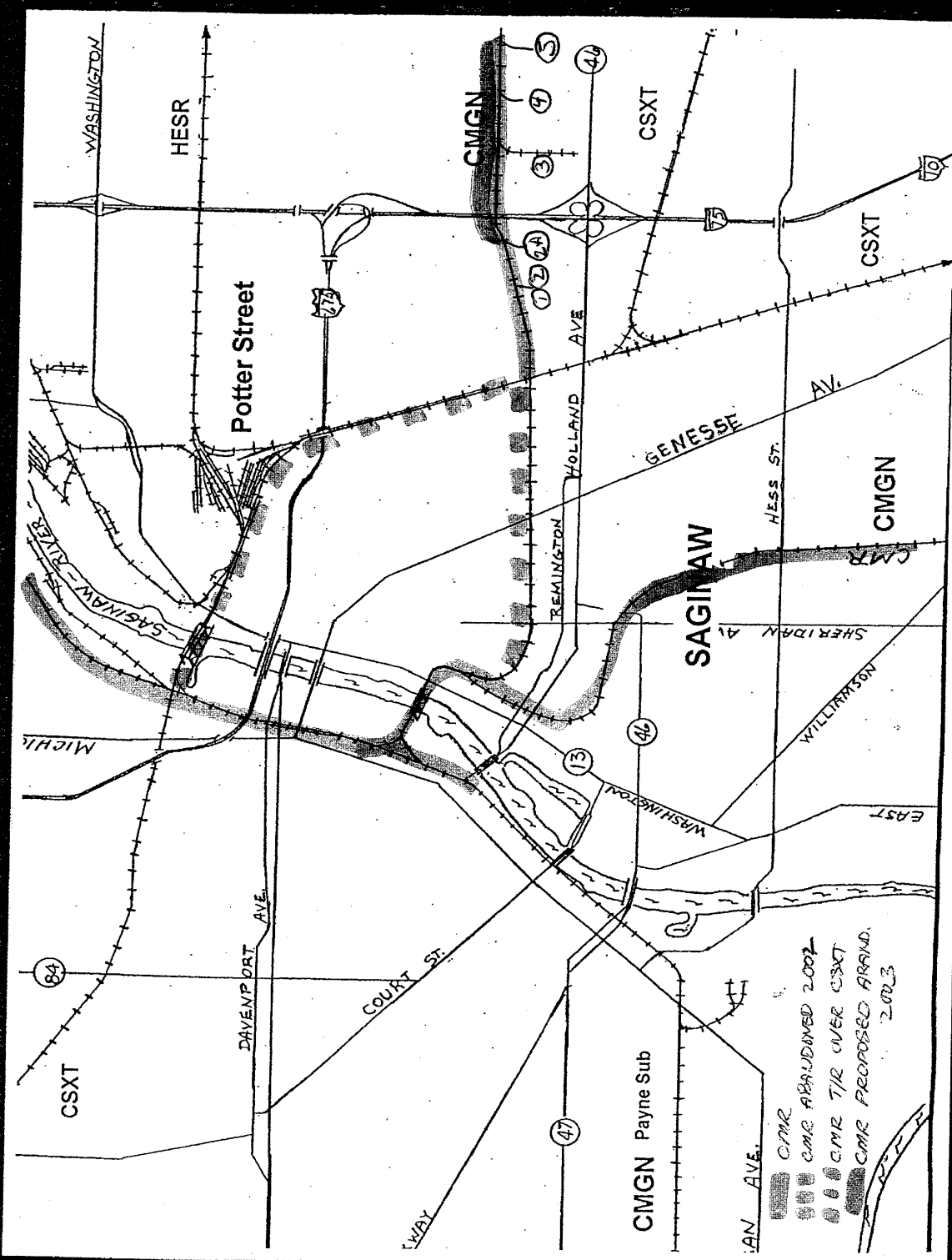
(10) PROPOSED MITIGATION

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

There will be no adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment; therefore, mitigating action will not be necessary.

Environmental Report
Attachment 1 - Map





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Letter to Chairman of Saginaw County Board of Supervisors

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County of Saginaw
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**RE: Proposed Abandonment by Central Michigan Railway Company in Saginaw
County, MI; Docket No. AB-308 (Sub-No. 3X)**

Dear Chairman:

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Pursuant to the STB's environmental regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 1105, we are advising you of this proposed action so that you may assist us in identifying any potential effects on existing land use plans. Specifically, we must determine whether the proposed abandonment is inconsistent with existing land use plans.

We would appreciate your review of the proposed abandonment and any comments you may wish to offer. We would also appreciate you providing us with a written response so that we can forward it to the STB.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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Publication of Notice in *The Saginaw News* Newspaper on June 1, 2003

Certificate of Service For Environmental Report
Pursuant to the Requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(c) and 1105.11

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(c) and 1105.11, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Environmental Report in Finance Docket No. AB-308 (Sub-No. 3X) was mailed via first class mail on June 24, 2003 to the following parties:

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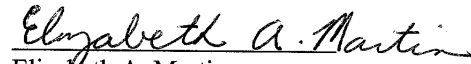
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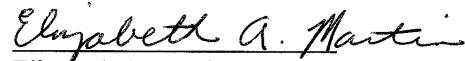
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Certificate of Publication in Newspaper of General Circulation
Pursuant to the Requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(c)

The undersigned further certifies that a notice of the abandonment was published in *The Saginaw News* on June 1, 2003. *The Saginaw News* is generally circulated in the county where the rail line is located. The notice was in the form prescribed by the Board for a Petition for Exemption at 1105.12.

Date: June 24, 2003


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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

DOCKET NO. AB-308 (SUB-NO. 3X)

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN RAILWAY COMPANY
– ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION –
IN SAGINAW COUNTY, MI**

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

HISTORIC REPORT

1105.7 (e)(1)

(1) Proposed Action And Alternatives

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also, describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

Central Michigan Railway Company (“CMRC”) proposes to abandon approximately 1.75 miles of rail line located in Saginaw County, Michigan, running from railroad milepost (“MP”) 17.21 to MP 15.46 (the “Line”). The Line currently serves only three customers, two of which have not utilized the Line in the past two years while the third has been active only to a very minimal extent.

Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the rail, crossties, other track material, and ballast. Maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the opportunity costs of remaining on the line to all other CMRC customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

A map which delineates the proposed project is attached (*See Attachment 1*).

1105.8(d)

- (1) **A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action;**

A map of the Line, which marks the location of a bridge that is over 50 years old, is attached. *See* Attachment 1. This map has been supplied to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office. *See* Attachment 2.

- (2) **A written description of the right-of-way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristics of the surrounding area;**

The right-of-way traverses predominantly flat farmland just west of in Saginaw County, Michigan, running from railroad milepost ("MP") 17.21 to MP 15.46. Industrial interests are located on the south side of the Line.

- (3) **Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area;**

Photographs of the bridge traversing Interstate 75 are attached as Attachment 3.

- (4) **The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known;**

The subject bridge was constructed in 1952. CMRC is unaware of any alterations to the structure.

- (5) **A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action;**

To the best of CMRC's information and belief, the Detroit and Bay City Railroad began operating over the Line in 1888. The Line was conveyed to a number of carriers over the years. On July 9, 1987, CMRC filed a notice of exemption with the Interstate Commerce Commission to acquire and operate approximately 228.5 miles of rail line and related trackage rights in Michigan owned by the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company, of which the subject Line was a part. CMRC has held the common carrier obligation on the Line since that time.

As a result of the proposed abandonment, maintenance on the Line will cease, and the rail, crossties, other track material, and ballast will be salvaged.

- (6) **A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic;**

Engineering sketches, photographs, station maps.

- (7) **An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities);**

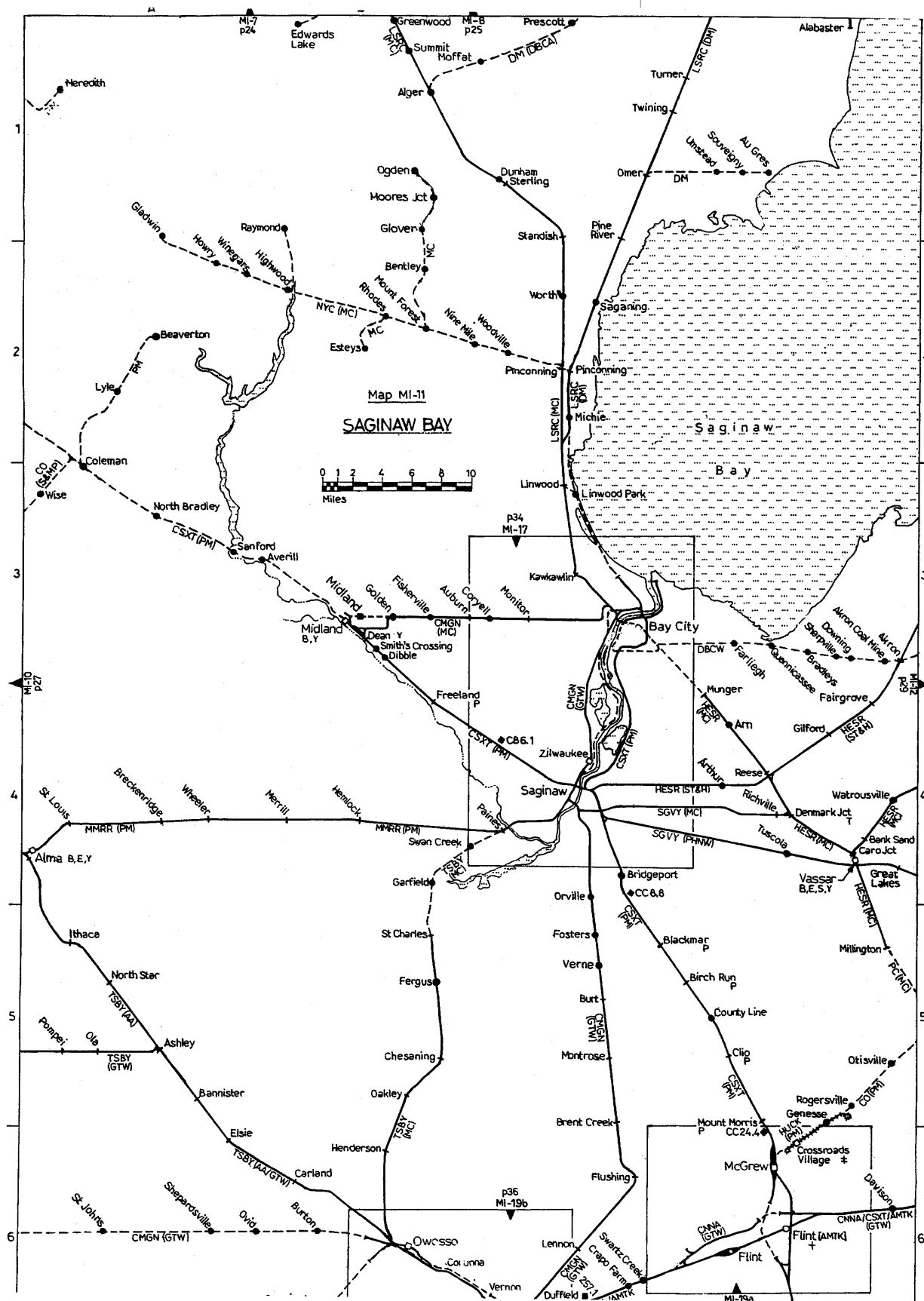
A review of CMRC's records indicates that there is only one bridge on the Line that is over 50 years old. CMRC is unaware of any significant, unique aspects to this structure. CMRC is also unaware of any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties on the Line's right-of-way.

A map and the identification of all structures on the Line that are 50 years old or older have been supplied to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office. *See* Attachment 2.

- (8) **A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or manmade) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.**

The Line is constructed of cuts and fills which appear to have been created at the time of construction. Any archeological resources that may have been located on the right-of-way (CMRC knows of none) were disturbed at that time. CMRC's records do not indicate any swampy conditions or hazardous materials spills along the right-of-way.

Historic Report
Attachment 1 - Map



Historic Report
Attachment 2 - Letter to Michigan State Historic Preservation Office

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June 24, 2003

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Michigan Historical Center
P.O. Box 30740
Lansing, MI 48909-8240

Dear Sir or Madam:

Central Michigan Railway Company ("CMRC") is planning to file a Petition for Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB"), on or about July 14, 2003 for CMRC to abandon approximately 1.75 miles of rail line located in Saginaw County, Michigan, running from railroad milepost 17.21 to milepost 15.46. The proposed abandonment will involve the removal of rail, ties, other track material, and ballast. A map of the line segment which is proposed for abandonment is enclosed.

In connection with the rail line that is to become the subject of notice for authority to abandon, 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8 requires that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the STB. A Historic Report for this Notice of Exemption is enclosed. As you will note in the report, there is one bridge that is 50 years old or older located along the line. Photographs of that bridge are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Martin
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Enclosures

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Historic Report
Attachment 3 - Photographs



Bridge Viewed From I-75 - Looking South



Bridge Viewed From I-75 - Looking South



Bridge - Looking East



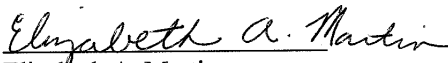
Bridge - Looking East

Certificate of Service For Historic Report
Pursuant to the Requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Historic Report in Finance Docket No. AB-468(Sub-No. 5X) was mailed via first class mail on June 24, 2003 to the following parties:

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Date: June 24, 2003


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