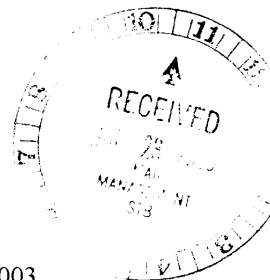


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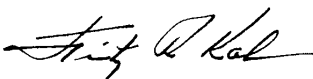
Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in each of STB Dockets Nos. AB-838, East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company-Adverse Abandonment-In St. Clair County, IL, and AB-33 (Sub-No. 199), Union Pacific Railroad Company-Adverse Discontinuance-In St. Clair County, IL, are the original and ten copies of the Notice of Adverse Discontinuance and Abandonment of the Illinois Department of Transportation. 208484

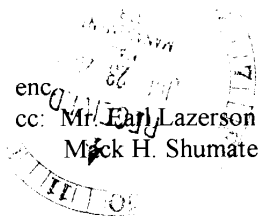
Additional copies of this letter and of the Notice are enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of them and to return to me via the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope. 208487

If you have any question 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,


Fritz R. Kahn

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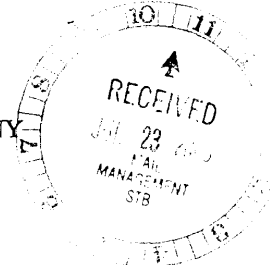
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The Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") gives notice that on or about August 11, 2003, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, an application seeking the adverse abandonment of the entire East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company ("ESLJ"), consisting of a line of railroad between Milepost 0.0 and Milepost 1.16, plus 6.40 miles of switch track and .34 miles of spur track, and the adverse discontinuance of service by the railroad's lessee, Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP"), in National Stock Yards 66071, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Appreciable portions of the land underlying the ESLJ's line is required in connection with the relocation of Illinois Route 3, a heavily traveled roadway paralleling the Mississippi River,

and the construction of a connection from Interstate Highways I-64 to a proposed New Mississippi River Bridge, connecting Missouri and Illinois, and relocated Interstate Highway I-70.

The affected railroad line is situated in U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 62071; it traverse no other U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes. The only station to be affected by the proposed discontinuance and abandonment is National Stock Yards.

The current shippers, Darling International, Sperry Rail Service and St. Louis Auto Shredding, Inc., will continue to receive railroad service from UP, which heretofore has served them over the line of the ESLJ, or its agent, as well as, where applicable, from the Norfolk and Southern Railway Company.

The application can be viewed following its filing on the Board's web page, www.stb.dot.gov, or a copy can be secured from IDOT's counsel, whose name and address appear below.

Appreciable portions of the land underlying the railroad line proposed for abandonment and discontinuance of service is required for the construction of relocated Illinois Route 3 and construction of a connection from Interstate Highways I-64 in Illinois to a proposed I-70 Mississippi River Bridge. This abandonment will permit the grade separation of all state highways and the railroad lines in the area. Based on information in IDOT's possession, the lines do not contain Federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in IDOT's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

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system which will benefit from the abandonment. See, STB Docket No. AB-246 (Sub-No. 2X), Yreka Western Railroad Company--Abandonment Exemption--In Siskiyou County, CA, served May 4, 1999.

The application will include IDOT's entire case for discontinuance and abandonment. Any interested person, after the application is filed on or about August 1, 2003, may file with the Surface Transportation Board its protest of, or written comments concerning, the proposed discontinuance and abandonment identifying them by the proceedings' docket numbers. These filings are due 45 days from the date of filing of the application and should detail (1) the person's name, address and business, (2) the person's interest in the proceeding, (3) the person's reasons for protesting or commenting on the proposed discontinuance and abandonment and (4) any responses to the material submitted in the application. Protests or comments need to be notarized or verified, and an unbound original and ten copies are required to be filed with the Secretary of the Board, at 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, together with a certificate of service attesting that copies of the comments or protests have been served on IDOT's counsel, Fritz R. Kahn, Fritz R. Kahn, P.C., 1920 N Street, NW (8th fl.), Washington, DC 20036. Protests and comments will be considered by the Board in determining what disposition to make of the application.

Offers of financial assistance, 49 C.F.R. 1152.27, and public use conditions, 49 C.F.R. 1152.28, are not available in these proceedings

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance and abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Service at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the text of the discontinuance and abandonment regulations at 49 C.F.R. 1152.1, et seq., which can

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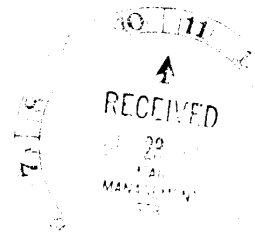
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