

To: CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.

(Advertising): NOTICE OF PETITION FOR EXEMPTION TO DISCONTINUE A LINE OF RAILROAD
CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 12, 2003, IT INTENDS TO FILE WITH THE SURFACE

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

State of Tennessee }
County of Knox } s.s.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county, this day personally came **Deborah L. Atchley**, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, says that she is a duly authorized representative of *The Knoxville News-Sentinel*, a Daily newspaper published at Knoxville, in said county and state, and that the advertisement of

(THE ABOVE-REFERENCED),

of which the annexed is a copy, was published in said paper on the following date(s):

SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

and that the statement of account herewith is correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief.

Deborah L. Atchley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September, 2003.

Lisa Branna Fithell
Notary Public

My commission expires July 27, 2005
My commission expires _____ 20____.

Notice of Petition for Exemption to Discontinue a Line of Railroad

CSX Transportation, Inc. hereby gives notice that on or about September 12, 2003, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, 1215 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20423, a petition for exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10502 from prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903, et seq., permitting the discontinuance of a portion of its line of railroad in the Central Region, known as its Appalachian Division, K.D. Subdivision, Second Creek Spur, extending between Valuation Station 15304+87 and 15368+89 in Knoxville, Tennessee, a distance of approximately 1.2 miles, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 37066. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-66 (Sub-No. 641X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 60 days after the filing of the petition for discontinuance exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 30 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 SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling SEA at (202) 565-1526.

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(a) and 1104.3(a)), and one copy must be served on applicant's representative (See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)). 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) 565-1594. 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, S.W., Jacksonville, FL 32202).





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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. 641X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Discontinuance
Exemption in Knox County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in Paragraph 9 of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Petition for Exemption filed on September 12, 2003, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Petition for Exemption was published on September 11, 2003, in *The Knoxville News-Sentinel* in Knox County, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

Enclosures

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