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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Washington, D. C. 20423

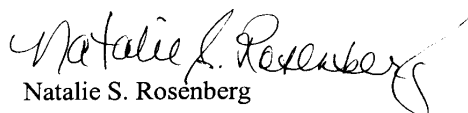
**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 613X)
CSX Transportation, Inc.- Abandonment
in Jefferson County, Alabama**

Dear Mr. Williams:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") is in receipt of the trail request filed by the Jefferson County Commission ("County") in the above captioned matter. This letter is intended to inform the Board that CSXT is willing to negotiate with the County in accordance with the Board's standard procedures.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


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