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

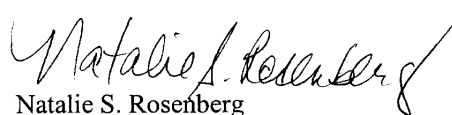
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 644X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Discontinuance of Service
In Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in Paragraph 7 CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Notice of Exemption filed on September 26, 2003, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Exemption was published on September 25, 2003, in *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

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Enclosures

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STB No. AB-55
(Sub-No. 644X)
Notice of Exemption to
Discontinue Service on
a Line of Railroad
CSX Transportation,
Inc. gives notice that on
or about September 26,
2003, it intends to file
with the Surface Trans-
portation Board, Wash-
ington, DC 20423, a no-
tice of exemption under
49 CFR 1152 Subpart F-
Exempt Abandonments
permitting the discon-
tinuance of service over
its line of railroad in the
Northern Region, known
as its Baltimore Divi-
sion, P&W Subdivision,
between railroad Mile-
post BG 7.2 at Elenshow
and Milepost BG 18.4 at
Bakerstown, a distance
of 11.2 miles, which
traverses through United
States Postal Service
ZIP Codes 15044, 15101,
and 15116, located in Al-
legheny County, Penn-
sylvania. The proceeding
will be docketed as No.
AB-55 (Sub-No. 644X).
The Board's Section of
Environmental Analysis
(SEA) will generally
prepare an Environmen-
tal Assessment (EA),
which will normally be
available 25 days after
the filing of the notice of
exemption. Comments
on environmental and
energy matters should
be filed no later than 15
days after the EA be-
comes available to the
public and will be ad-
dressed in a Board de-
cision. Interested per-
sons may obtain a copy
of the EA or make in-
quiries regarding envi-
ronmental matters by
writing to the Section of
Environmental Analysis
(SEA), Surface Trans-
portation Board, Wash-
ington, DC 20423 or by
calling that office at 202-
927-6211.
Appropriate offers of
financial assistance to
continue rail service can
be filed with the Board.
Requests for environ-
mental 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 other
than environmental is-
sues (such as trails use,
public use, and offers of
financial assistance)
must be filed directly
with the Board's Office
of the Secretary, 1225 K
Street, N.W. Washington,
DC 20423 (See 49 CFR
1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)),
and one copy must be
served on applicants
representative (See 49
CFR 1104.12 (a)).
Questions regarding of-
fers of financial assis-
tance, public use or
trails use may be di-
rected to the Board's
Office of Congressional
and Public Services at
202-565-1594. Copies of
any comments or re-
quests for conditions
should be served on the
applicant's representa-
tive: (Natalie S. Rosen-
berg, CSX Transporta-
tion, Inc., 500 Water
Street, J-150, Jackson-
ville, FL 32202).

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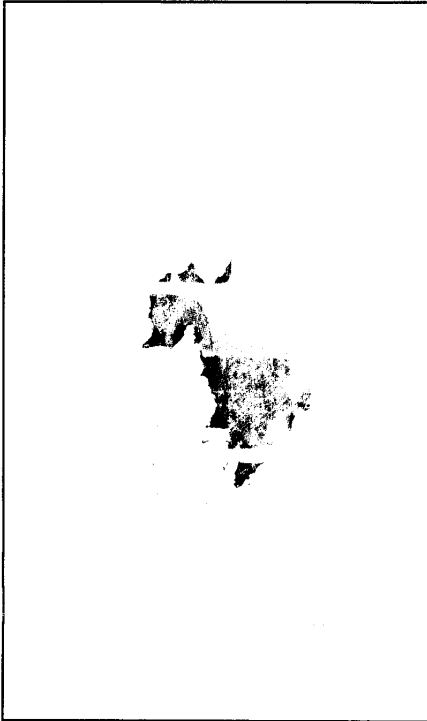
Proof of Publication of Notice in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Under Act No. 587, Approved May 16, 1929, P.L. 1784, as last amended by Act No. 409 of September 29, 1951

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny, ss: T. Smrekar, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Pittsburgh, County and Commonwealth aforesaid, was established in 1993 by the merging of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Sun-Telegraph and The Pittsburgh Press and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Sun-Telegraph was established in 1960 and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette was established in 1927 by the merging of the Pittsburgh Gazette established in 1786 and the Pittsburgh Post, established in 1842, since which date the said Pittsburgh Post-Gazette has been regularly issued in said County and that a copy of said printed notice or publication is attached hereto exactly as the same was printed and published in the regular editions and issues of the said Pittsburgh Post-Gazette a newspaper of general circulation on the following dates, viz:

25 of September, 2003

Affiant further deposes that he/she is an agent for the PG Publishing Company, a corporation and publisher of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; that, as such agent, affiant is duly authorized to verify the foregoing statement under oath; that affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the aforesaid notice or publication; and that all allegations in the foregoing statement as to time, place and character of publication are true.

COPY OF NOTICE OR PUBLICATION

T. Smrekar
 PG Publishing Company

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of:
 September 25, 2003

Thompson
 Notary Public
 My Comm. Expires 12/31/2004

**STATEMENT OF ADVERTISING COSTS**

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 J-150, LAW DEPT.
 500 WATER STREET
 JACKSONVILLE FL 32202

To PG Publishing Company

Total -----\$703.50

Publisher's Receipt for Advertising Costs

PG PUBLISHING COMPANY, publisher of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation, hereby acknowledges receipt of the aforesaid advertising and publication costs and certifies that the same have been fully paid.

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 34 Boulevard of the Allies
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15222
 Phone 412-263-1338

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By _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing is the original Proof of Publication and receipt for the Advertising costs in the subject matter of said notice.

 Attorney for