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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 640), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment—in Atkinson and Ware Counties, Georgia (Between Pearson and Waresboro)*

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 2, 2004, St. Marys Railroad Company ("SMRC") and St. Marys Railway West, LLC ("SMRW") requested the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") to authorize the substitution of SMRW for SMRC as the purchaser of the rail line approved for abandonment in the instant proceeding pursuant to the offer of financial assistance ("OFA") process under 49 U.S.C. § 10904. As was stated in the April 2nd filing, CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") does not object to the substitution of SMRW for SMRC.

CSXT is awaiting the Board's decision approving the substitution of SMRW for SMRC in order to close this sale under the OFA process. CSXT respectfully requests that the Board expeditiously approve the substitution of SMRW for SMRC as the purchaser under the OFA process in this proceeding in order to allow the sale to close.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it to our messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions, call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

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Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: Mr. McFarland

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