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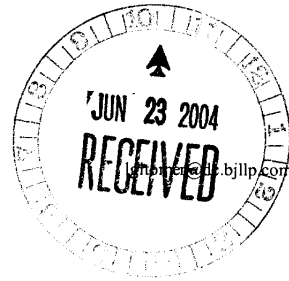
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 647X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.*—
Abandonment Exemption—in Darlington County, SC

Dear Secretary Williams:

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

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Gitomer
Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosures

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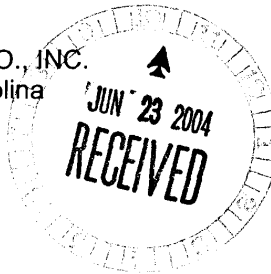
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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Personally appeared before me, Peggy Lawrence, Advertising Sales Support
Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

Notice – CSX Transportation Inc. (CSXT – abandon rail line, Florence Div.
Hamlet Subdivision

was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published
the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issues of

June 9, 2004

Peggy Lawrence

Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day June 14, 2004

Earl F. Hammer

Notary Public

My commission expires
March 10, 2013

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or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed
the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in
error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion."*

NOTICE

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") gives notice that on or about June 17, 2004, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments permitting CSXT to abandon a 1.49-mile rail line of the Southern Region, Florence Division, Hamlet Subdivision, between milepost SJ 306.13 (V.S. 387+15) and milepost 307.39 (V.S. 465+62.5), in Darlington County, SC, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 29550. This proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 647X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis will generally prepare an Environmental 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 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 the Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at 202-565-1545.

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 other than environmental issues (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, NW, 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 offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-565-1592. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Louis E. Gitomer, Bail Janik LLP, 1455 F St., N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 638-3307.

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