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

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is to clarify for the Board that CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not operated over the 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 (the "Line") proposed for abandonment for over two years. In cooperation with Progress Energy and the Department of Homeland Security, CSXT is seeking to abandon the Line.

The purpose of this transaction is to route trains (over a now unused section of CSXT track) so that the coal trains will be farther away from a Nuclear Power Facility and allow Progress Energy to use the existing track for switch operations. Progress Energy conducts switching operations within its own plant. Upon abandonment, CSXT will reclassify the track as industrial and sell it to Progress Energy, so that Progress Energy will be able to use the track in its plant switching operations, if needed, without becoming a common carrier required to switch any plant that locates on the abandoned line.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis E. Gitomer'.

Louis E. Gitomer
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