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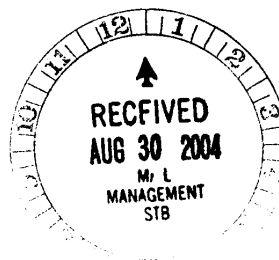
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The Hon. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 711  
Washington, D.C. 20423



Re: Finance Docket No. 34540, Columbus & Ohio River  
Railroad – Acquisition Exemption – Lines of CSX  
Transportation, Inc. between Columbus and Cambridge,  
Ohio and between Newark and Mt. Vernon, Ohio

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Columbus & Ohio River Railroad (“CUOH”) hereby certifies compliance with 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e) as of August 27, 2004 through the attached Notice.

Ten copies of this letter, with its attachment, are enclosed for filing. One additional copy also is enclosed to be date-stamped and returned to the bearer of this letter. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew B. Kolesar III  
An Attorney for the Columbus  
& Ohio River Railroad

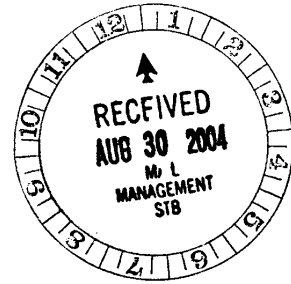
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COLUMBUS & OHIO RIVER RAILROAD  
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Coshocton, Ohio 43812

August 27, 2004

NOTICE TO CSXT EMPLOYEES



Pursuant to Surface Transportation Board regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), the Columbus & Ohio River Railroad ("CUOH") hereby provides notice to the employees of CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") that CUOH intends to operate through a lease and/or purchase of approximately 114 miles of CSXT's lines of railroad in Ohio between the following locations:

- Columbus (milepost BP 138.0) and Cambridge (milepost BP 49.49), known as the C&N and Central Ohio Subdivisions and
- Newark (milepost BQ 0.0) and Mt. Vernon (milepost BQ 25.9), known as the Lake Erie Subdivision.

Following the transaction, CSXT no longer will operate trains on any of these line segments. The transaction is expected to occur on or after October 29, 2004.

As a result of these transactions, CUOH expects to hire approximately 6 operating employees (train & engine service) and approximately 3 other employees to perform maintenance of way and other functions. This estimate is preliminary and is subject to modification prior to commencing operations. Employees will be provided wages and benefits comparable to those on other CUOH lines. CUOH will select employees on the basis of skills and aptitudes required for each position. The most qualified candidates will be selected from the available pool of applicants without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or disability. Successful candidates must have a stable work record and demonstrate a commitment to safety and customer service. The ability to work in a team environment is critical. Successful applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen and complete a medical questionnaire, and may be required to take a physical exam.

CSXT employees interested in seeking employment with CUOH should contact the Director of Human Resources, CUOH Railroad, 47849 Papermill Road, Coshocton, Ohio 43812, telephone (740) 622-8092.

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