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By electronic mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 1X), *Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption -- Portion of the Lake Providence Line*

Dear Mr. Williams:

On June 10, 2004, a notice of exemption for abandonment was served in the above proceeding.

In a decision served June 17, 2004, the proceeding was held in abeyance until September 15, 2004 pending negotiations between interested parties.

In a status report filed August 16, 2004, Applicant Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. reported that there has been no negotiated agreement, and that it is not willing to hold the proceeding in abeyance beyond September 15, 2004.

This is to request that the proceeding be reactivated in view of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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