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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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**Re: Docket No. AB-468 (Sub-No. 6X), Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption-- In Hopkins County, KY**

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision served October 10, 2003 in the above-captioned matter, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") issued a notice of exemption filed by Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. ("P&L") with respect to abandonment of a 4.81-mile of rail line, in Hopkins County, Kentucky, running between milepost J-159.6, near Ilsley, and milepost J-164.41, near Dawson Springs (the "Line"). By decision served on November 10, 2003, the proceeding was reopened at the request of the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA") and the exemption was made subject to completion of the Section 106 process under the National Historic Preservation Act ("NHPA"). On December 15, 2003, P&L submitted a letter indicating that the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer had determined that the proposed abandonment will not have an adverse effect on historic properties. On February 10, 2004, and pursuant to a recommendation from SEA, the Board served an order removing the historic preservation condition imposed therein as P&L had complied with its obligations under the NHPA.

Consistent with its obligations under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), P&L hereby notifies the Board that as of today's date, P&L has consummated its abandonment of the Line. Specifically, P&L has canceled its rates applicable to the Line, has begun the process of removing the track, and intends that the Line be fully removed from the interstate rail network.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of this notice by date stamping the enclosed eleventh copy and returning it to the courier to return to me. By my signature below, I certify that a copy of

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this notice has been served today by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the Kentucky Public Service Commission pursuant to the requirements of § 1152.29(e)(2).

Sincerely,



William A. Mullins

Enclosures

cc: J. Thomas Garrett