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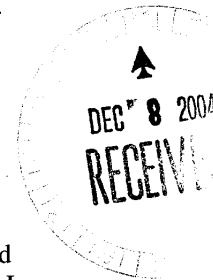
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 175X) — Illinois Central Railroad Company — Abandonment Exemption — In Mobile County, AL

Dear Mr. Williams:

In the above-captioned proceeding, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") has an exemption for the abandonment of its 1.03 mile segment of railroad extending from milepost 3.67 to milepost 4.7 in Mobile County, Alabama. IC's abandonment exemption became effective on February 11, 2004.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.50(e), IC hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of the subject segment of railroad on December 1, 2004.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. An extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Joseph McInnes, Alabama DOT
Alabama Public Service Commission

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