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January 24, 2005

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-792X, *Railroad Switching Service of Missouri, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption -- Entire Rail Line in St. Louis, St. Louis County, MO*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please refer to the Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903 filed in the above proceeding on January 12, 2005. Proof of publication of notice of the Petition in the local newspaper had not been received in time to include as part of the Petition. An original and 10 copies of that proof of publication is hereby transmitted for filing. Interested persons are being served.

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

Thomas F. McFarland
Attorney for Railroad Switching
Service of Missouri, Inc.

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cc: Persons listed in Certificate of Service
Mr. Gregory Cundiff

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ABANDON RAIL LINE
RAILROAD SERVICE OF MISSOURI
RI, INC. (RSSM) gives
notice that on or about
January 11, 2005 it in-
tends to file with the Sur-
face Transportation
Board, Washington, DC
20423, a Petition for
Exemption under 49
U.S.C. § 10502 from the
prior approval require-
ments of 49 U.S.C. § 10903
for RSSM to abandon its
entire rail line of rail-
road. RSSM's rail line is
1.89 miles in length in the
city of St. Louis, Missou-
ri. (The City of St. Louis
is in St. Louis County,
Missouri). RSSM's rail
line extends from point
of connection with Nor-
folk Southern Railway
Company (NS) at or
near Broad Street (Mil-
lispel St.) to terminus at
the publishing facility of
the St. Louis Post-Dis-
patch, a daily St. Louis
newspaper, at 900 North
Tucker Boulevard, all in
St. Louis, MO. The sub-
ject rail line traverses
through a portion of St.
Louis, Missouri having a
United States Postal
Service ZIP Code of
63101. The proceeding
has been docketed as
STB Docket No. AB-
790X.

The Board's Section of
Environmental Analysis
(SEA) will generally
prepare an Environ-
mental Assessment
(EA), which will nor-
mally be available 60
days after the filing of
this petition for abandon-
ment exemption. Com-
ments on environ-
mental and energy mat-
ters should be filed no
later than 20 days after
the EA becomes avail-
able to the public and
will be addressed in a
Board decision.
Interested persons may
obtain a copy of the EA
or make inquiries re-
specting environmental
matters by writing to
SEA, Surface Transpor-
tation Board, Washing-
ton, DC 20423 or by call-
ing SEA at 202-272-6211.
Appropriate offers of
financial assistance to
continue rail service can
be filed with the Board.
Requests for environ-
mental conditions, pub-
lic use conditions, or rail
hooking/trails use also
can be filed with the
Board. An original and
10 copies of any pleading
that raises matters other
than environmental
issues (such as trails
use, public use, and of-
fers of financial assis-
tance) must be filed di-
rectly with the Board's
Office of the Secretary,
1925 K Street, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20423
(See 49 C.F.R. 1104.1(a)
and 1104.3(a)), and one
copy must be served on
applicant's representa-
tive. (See 49 C.F.R.
1104.12(b)). Questions
regarding offers of
financial assistance,
public use or trails use
may be directed to the
Board's Office of Con-
gressional and Public
Services at 202-565-1592.
Copies of any comments
or requests for condi-
tions should be served
on the applicant's repre-
sentative, Thomas F.
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McFarland, P.C., 208
South LaSalle Street,
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KEY WORDS:
NOTICE OF INTENT TO

Mary Anne Deppa
COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
THIS January 17, 2005.

Patricia Carlisle
NOTARY PUBLIC, CITY OF ST. LOUIS

AFFIDAVIT CHARGE \$ 5.00 EACH

PATRICIA CARLISLE
Notary Public — Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
St. Louis County
My Commission Expires: June 26, 2005

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