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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 658X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.* –
Abandonment Exemption—in Hall County, GA

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of an Affidavit of Publication.

Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

Louis E. Gitomer
Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosures

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Personally appeared before the undersigned, Cindy Pass, who having been duly sworn, on oath, says that she is the Administrative Assistant. of THE TIMES, and that the attached Advertisement was published in THE TIMES under:

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Cindy Pass
Cindy Pass, Affiant

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

This 25 day of August, 2005

Courtney Smith
Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____
COURTNEY SMITH
Notary Public, Hall County, Georgia
My Commission Expires September 9, 2006

CSX Transportation, Inc. gives notice that on or about August 26, 2005 it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903, et seq., permitting the abandonment of a 0.85-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost GGM 39.2, near Gainesville, GA, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 30501, and railroad milepost GGM 40.05, near Gainesville, GA, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 30501 in Hall County, Georgia. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 658X). The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 60 days after the filing of the petition for abandonment exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 30 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling SEA at (202) 565-1545. Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/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 offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423 (See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)), and one copy must be served on applicants' representative (See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 565-1594. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Louis E. Giotomer, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F St., N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005 (202) 638-3307.

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