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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423

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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 659X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.*—
Abandonment Exemption—in Allegany County, MD

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.

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Public Notice

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") gives notice that on or about August 5, 2005, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments permitting CSXT to abandon an 8.54-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Huntington Division East, Georges Creek Subdivision, between Morrison, Milepost BAI 27.0, and Carlos at the end of track, Milepost BAI 18.46, in Allegany County, Maryland, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 21532, 21539, and 21521. This proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 659X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 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 202-927-6211.

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 202-565-1592. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Louis E. Gitomer, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F St., N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 638-3307.