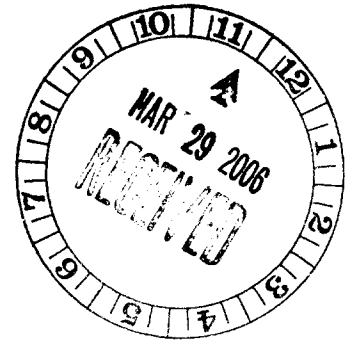


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Re: Docket No. AB-384 (Sub-No. 1X), *Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- Portion of the Lake Providence Line*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. (DSR) hereby seeks an extension of six months of the deadline for consummation of abandonment as to an 8.2-mile segment of rail line between Milepost 454.8 at the Arkansas-Louisiana State Line and Milepost 463.0 at or near Shelburn, Louisiana. That segment is part of a 30-mile rail line between Milepost 433.0 at or near Lake Village, AR and Milepost 463.0 at or near Shelburn, LA for which abandonment was authorized in a Board decision served April 7, 2005. The portion of that rail line between Lake Village and the State Line has been sold for continued rail operation. The one-year deadline for providing notice of consummation of the 8.2-mile State Line-Shelburn segment is April 7, 2006. The six-month extension of that deadline would make the new deadline October 7, 2006. The extension is requested because DSR continues to attempt to sell that 8.2-mile segment for continued rail operation.

Very truly yours,

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