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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 664X), CSX Transportation, Inc.–
Abandonment Exemption—in Hall County, GA**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of the Affidavit and notice published in the above-entitled matter in the Anderson Independent-Mail on April 25, 2006.

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.

Enclosure

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State of South Carolina
County of Anderson

{Affidavit

Personally appeared before me, Karen Rommelmeyer, who being duly sworn, says that she is the Retail Sales Manager of the *Anderson*

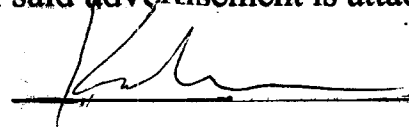
Independent-Mail daily newspaper, published at Anderson, South Carolina

and that a legal advertisement for CSX Transportaion gives notice

that intends to file for appeared in the above newspaper in the issues of
petition for exemption under 49 u.s. 10502

April 25, 2006.

Copy of said advertisement is attached hereto.

Signed: 

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 26 day of

April, 2006

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Notary Public for South Carolina

6-15-2015
My Commission Expires

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CSX Transportation, Inc. gives notice that on or about April 28, 2006 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 12.74-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost AKL 26.26, near Belton, and railroad milepost AKL 39.00, near Pelzer which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 29627 and 29654 in Anderson County, South Carolina. The proceeding has been docketed as

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No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 664X).

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

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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,

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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, Bail Janik, LLP, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 638-3267.