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Mr. Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55-664-X
CSX Transportation, Inc.
Abandonment Exemption
In Anderson County, SC

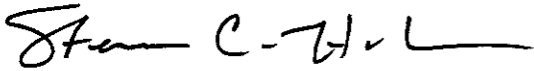
Secretary Williams:

Please find enclosed for filing in STB Docket No. AB-55-664-X, *CSX Transportation, Inc. Abandonment Exemption in Anderson County, SC*, Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation's Notice of Intent to File an Offer of Financial Assistance and Notice of Intent to Participate.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerest regards,



Steven C. Hawkins,
President

Attachment

**BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC**

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Pursuant to 49 USC 10904(c) and 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i), Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation ("WCRS") does hereby express its intention to file an offer of financial assistance ("OFA") to purchase 12.74 miles of rail line, extending from MP AKL 26.26, near Belton, SC, to MP AKL 39.00, near Pelzer, SC, on the Southern Region, Florence Division, Belton Subdivision, in Anderson County, SC; constituting all of that line proposed to be abandoned by CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT").

By copy of this notice, WCRS, pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.27(a), does hereby request that CSXT provide the following to the undersigned:

1. Documentation reflecting available real estate appraisals, which support CSXT's \$213,438 valuation of fee parcels included within CSXT's \$598,583 net liquidation value for the line; and,
2. Documentation indicating the extent to which CSXT has marketable fee title on the line's right-of-way as contrasted to easements or other interests that would revert to others if the line were not being used for railroad purposes. Such documentation of title is deemed necessary to determine whether, and to what extent, the line's real estate should be considered for net liquidation value purposes, pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.27(a)(3); and,
3. Current valuation maps for the line, including any deed indices that appear on accompanying maps. Such maps are essential to verification as to the quality of the land included in the sale of the line and are deemed included within the meaning of 49 CFR 1152.27(a)(3); and,

4. Any other information (not already provided within CSXT's April 28, 2006 Petition For Exemption) deemed relevant to appropriate valuation of the line for purposes of acquisition pursuant to an offer of financial assistance.

With further regard to STB Docket No. AB-55-664-X, WCRS does herein submit its notice of intent to participate and hereby requests that it be placed on the Board's service list. All correspondence and/or documentation should be directed to:

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Respectfully submitted,



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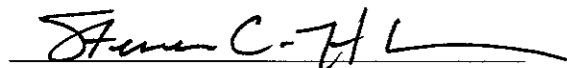
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of May 2006, a copy of the foregoing document was served by:

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