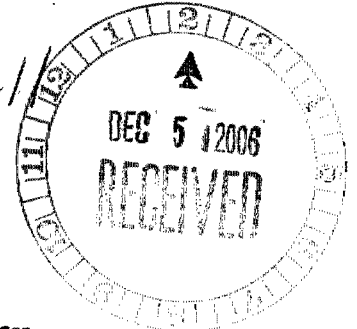


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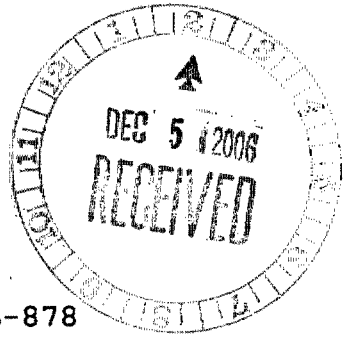
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On September 12, 2005, the Central Illinois Railroad Company ("CIRY") filed a Petition for Exemption with the Board to enable it to discontinue service over 6.29 miles of rail line in Peoria and Peoria Heights, Peoria County, IL. The subject line is owned by the City of Peoria, IL, and the Village of Peoria Heights, IL, and extends between the north line of Candletree Drive at appropriately milepost 8.5 in Peoria, IL, and the north line of Jefferson Street at approximately milepost 2.21 in Peoria, IL.

The reason for this notice is that CIRY now wishes to withdraw the above-captioned discontinuance petition in view of new business opportunities on the line.

Accordingly, CIRY will continue to provide service over this line as if it had never filed any discontinuance request.

Additionally, by this Notice CIRY advises the Board that it has retained the undersigned as counsel and is requested that he be substituted for Thomas F. McFarland as counsel of record.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that December 5, 2006, I served a copy of the foregoing Notice by first-class, U.S. mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

Illinois Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

MTMCTEA
Attn: Railroads for National Defense
720 Thimble Shoals Boulevard
Suite 130
Newport News, VA 23606-2574

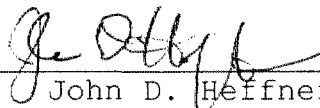
The National Park Service
Recreational Resources Assistance Division
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240-0001

United States Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
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