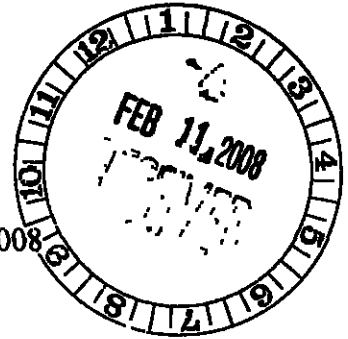


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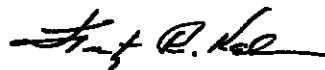
Dear Secretary Quinlan

Enclosed for filing in STB Dockets No AB-33 (Sub-No 199). Union Pacific Railroad Company--Adverse Discontinuance--In St. Clair County, IL. and No AB-838. East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company--Adverse Abandonment--In St. Clair County, IL. are the original and ten copies of the Petition for Leave to Withdraw Applications of the Illinois Department of Transportation

Additional copies of this letter and of the Petition are enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of them and to return to me via the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope

If you have any questions concerning the foregoing or if I otherwise can of assistance, please let me know

Sincerely yours.


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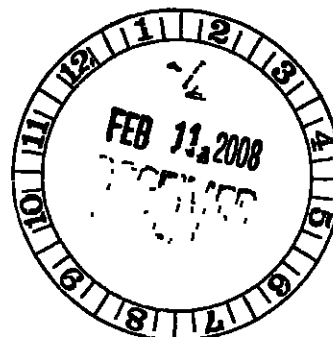
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STB Docket No AB-33 (Sub-No 199)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
— ADVERSE DISCONTINUANCE --
IN ST CLAIR COUNTY, IL



STB Docket No AB-838

EAST ST LOUIS JUNCTION RAILROAD COMPANY
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PETITION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW APPLICATIONS
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Petitioner, the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT"), pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1117.1, seeks leave to withdraw its adverse discontinuance and abandonment applications. IDOT had sought the adverse discontinuance of service by the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and the adverse abandonment of the East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company ("ESLJ"), over whose line UP heretofore has operated.¹ IDOT's filing was occasioned by the need for some of the land underlying ESLJ's line in connection with the relocation of Illinois Route 3.

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which runs roughly parallel to the Mississippi River in the vicinity of East St. Louis, IL. It now appears that the highway relocation can be accomplished without disturbing UP's operations on the line of the ESLJ, and, accordingly, the need for proceeding with the adverse discontinuance and abandonment proceedings has been obviated.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Illinois Department of Transportation, ask that it be allowed to withdraw its pending adverse discontinuance and abandonment applications.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I this day have served a copy of the foregoing Petition upon the Union Pacific Railroad Company and East St Louis Junction Railroad Company by mailing copies thereof by prepaid first-class mail to their representatives. Mack H Shumate, Jr . Esq . and Mr Earl Lazerson

Dated at Washington, DC, this 6thday of February 2008


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