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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Re: **Docket No. AB-1247 (Sub.-No. 1X)**
Illinois Railway LLC — Discontinuance of Service Exemption — In
Ogle County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

On April 4, 2019, Illinois Railway LLC ("IR") filed a Verified Notice of Exemption in the above-referenced docket for purposes of obtaining authority to discontinue service over approximately 11 miles of railroad between milepost 11.31 at Davis Junction and milepost 0.29 at Flagg Center, all points lying within Ogle County, Illinois (the "Line"). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 19, 2019, and the exemption became effective on May 19, 2019.

IR hereby advises the Board that, as of June 22, 2019, it has exercised its authority pursuant to the exemption, and has discontinued service over the Line. The Board does not require parties authorized to discontinue common carrier rail service to notify the Board of discontinuance "consummation." Rather, 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) requires timely notices of consummation from those acting upon authority to abandon a rail line. Accordingly, IR offers this advisory as a courtesy and as information to clarify the Line's current legal status and to acknowledge the Board's continuing jurisdiction over the Line.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,


Bradon J. Smith
Attorney for Illinois Railway LLC

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cc: Leann Greenwald