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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Preston County, WV*

Dear Secretary Williams:

It has come to the attention of CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") that CSXT inadvertently sent the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") a notice of consummation in the above-entitled proceeding on June 3, 2005, before CSXT had complied with all of the conditions imposed on the abandonment by the Board.

By decision served April 9, 2004, the Board granted CSXT's petition for exemption to abandon approximately 14.3 miles of a line of railroad extending from milepost BAJ 0.0 at Rowlesburg to milepost BAJ 14.3 near Albright in Preston County, WV (the "Line"). Among other conditions that were imposed on the exemption, the Board ordered CSXT to "retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all sites and structures on the right-of-way that are 50 years old or older until completion of the section 106 process of the NHPA" (the "Historic Condition"). CSXT has complied with all of the other conditions that were imposed on the exemption.

CSXT entered interim trail use/rail banking negotiations for the Line with the Friends of the Cheat. As permitted by the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(d)(1), CSXT discontinued service, canceled any applicable tariffs, and salvaged track and materials consistent with interim trail use and rail banking. However, CSXT did not remove the bridges on the Line.

After extension of the interim trail use/rail banking negotiation period, CSXT and Friends could not reach agreement. Based upon failure to reach an agreement with Friends, CSXT sent a notice of consummation of the abandonment to the Board. Despite discontinuing service, canceling tariffs, and salvaging track and materials, CSXT had not complied with the Historic Condition prior to filing the notice of consummation. CSXT has left the bridges that are the subject of the Historic Condition in place. CSXT intends to comply with the Historic Condition,

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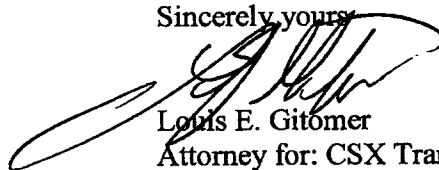
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and in order to do so, CSXT retracts the consummation letter and respectfully requests the Board to indicate that the abandonment has not been consummated.

CSXT apologizes to the Board for this oversight.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis E. Gitomer", is written over the typed name.

Louis E. Gitomer
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