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May 24, 2004

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423

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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 648X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption—in Muhlenberg and Ohio Counties, KY (Nashville
Subdivision between Moorman and Wilson Station, KY)*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter and certifications from the two newspapers where notice of the above-entitled proceeding was published. Enclosed with this letter are original copies of the newspaper publication.

Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

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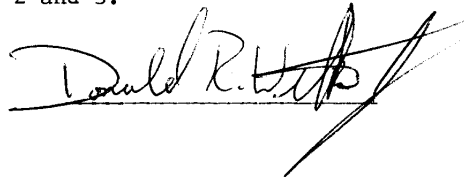
Sincerely yours

Louis E. Gitomer
Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.

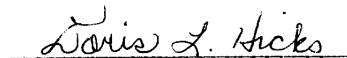
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P U B L I S H E R S A F F I D A V I T

The affiant, Donald R. Wilkins, Jr., Editor of The Ohio County Times News, a newspaper published at Hartford, Ohio County, Kentucky, hereby affirms that the advertisement of NOTICE for CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC., was inserted in said newspaper on May 6, 2004, page 12-A, Columns 1, 2 and 3.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Wilkins, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Donald R. Wilkins, Jr.,
this 6th day of May, 2004.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doris L. Hicks", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

My commission expires February 21, 2008

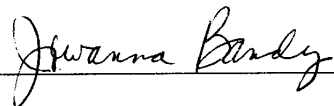
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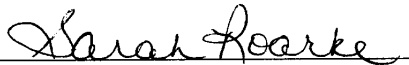
NEWSPAPER AFFIDAVIT

I, Jowanna Bandy, General Manager of the Leader-News Newspaper published at Central City and having the largest general circulation of any newspaper in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky do hereby certify that from my own knowledge and a check of the files of this newspaper that the advertisement of Legal Notice for Ball Janik LLP concerning CSX Transportation, Inc. was inserted in the Leader-News on May 5, 2004, Page A-12, Columns 1 & 2.



Subscribed And Sworn To Before Me By Jowanna Bandy This 5th Day of May, 2004.

My Comission Expires 9-5-04



Sarah Roarke

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") gives notice that on or about May 10, 2004, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments permitting CSXT to abandon a 4.6-mile rail line of the Southern Region, Nashville Division, Henderson Subdivision, between Moorman, milepost OHE 118.8, and Wilson Station, milepost OHE 114.2, in Muhlenberg and Ohio Counties, KY, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 42330 and 42328. This proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 648X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at 202-565-

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Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-565-1692. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Louis E. Gitomer, Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F St., N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 638-3307, 5-5c

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