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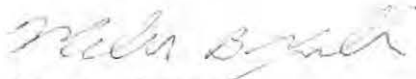
**RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 775X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment—
in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On or about December 18, 2017, we expect to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) a Verified Notice of Exemption seeking authority for CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) to abandon an approximately 62.3-mile rail line on its Northern Region, Louisville Division, Hoosier Subdivision between near Bedford, milepost 00Q251.7, and near New Albany, milepost 00Q314.0, all in Clark Floyd Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN.

Enclosed for electronic filing is the Combined Environmental and Historic Report (“CEHR”) which describes the proposed action and any expected environmental and/or historical effects, as well as maps of the affected area. The CEHR was mailed vial first class mail to the parties required under 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 and under 49 C.F.R. 1105.8(c) on November 28, 2017.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosure

COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT (“CEHR”)
(49 C.F.R. 1105.7 and 1105.8)

Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 775X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN CLARK, FLOYD, LAWRENCE, ORANGE AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, IN.

Dated: December 18, 2017

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

(1) Proposed Action and Alternatives. Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSX Transportation, Inc., (“CSXT”) proposes to abandon the approximately –62.3-mile rail line on its Northern Region, Louisville Division, Hoosier Subdivision between near Bedford, milepost 00Q251.7, and near New Albany, milepost 00Q314.0, all in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN (the “Line”). The Line runs through the following Zip Codes 47150, 47172, 47106, 47143, 47165, 47167, 47108, 47452, 47446, and 47421.

Upon receipt of abandonment authority from the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”), CSXT will consummate the abandonment and abandon the Line. No traffic has moved over the Line in more than two years. CSXT was granted authority to discontinue service over the Line by a Board decision.¹ CSXT consummated the discontinuance by letter dated May 13, 2010. The Line has been used to store cars.

No new rail oriented business is expected to develop and the Line is no longer required for operating purposes. Abandonment of this Line will result in the removal of the rail and crossties. CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub grade or sub grade structures and does not

¹ *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN* STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 698X) (STB served April 7, 2010).

intend to remove any bridge structures. Abandonment will allow CSXT to close 91 public road crossings and 47 private road crossings.

The only alternative to a full abandonment would be for CSXT not to abandon the Line.

A map of the proposed abandonment is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

(2) Transportation System. Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no passenger traffic on the Line to be diverted to other modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no freight traffic on the Line to be diverted to motor carrier. The proposed abandonment should have no adverse effects on regional or local highway systems and traffic patterns.

(3) Land Use. (i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies. (ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land. (iii) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9. (iv) If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 and explain why.

(i) CSXT considers the proposed abandonment to be consistent with existing land use plans. There will be no change in the use of the property. CSXT contacted, Clark, Floyd, Orange, Washington, and Lawrence Counties by letter dated November 28, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting comments and including a copy of the preliminary CEHR. A copy of the Preliminary CEHR was also mailed to the appropriate local and state agencies for their information and further comment. No comments have been received as of this date.

(ii) CSXT does not believe that there is any prime agricultural land that will be affected. CSXT notified the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) Natural Resources Conservation Service (the agency succeeding to the responsibilities of the Soil Conservation

Service) of the proposed abandonment by letter dated November 28, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting comments and including a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received as of this date.

(iii) The Line does not pass through a designated coastal zone.

(iv) CSXT believes the Line would be suitable for interim trail use/rail banking.

(4) Energy. (i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources. (ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities. (iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why. (iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

(i) The proposed abandonment will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of energy resources.

(ii) The proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of recyclable commodities.

(iii) The proposed abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency

(iv) The proposed abandonment will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads a year; or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the line segments of rail traffic to motor carriage.

(5) Air. (i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions. For a proposal under 49 U.S.C. § 10901 (or § 10505) to construct a new line or reinstitute service over a previously abandoned line, only the eight train a day provision in sub-section (5)(i)(A) will apply. (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an

increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line; (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity); or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan. However, for a rail construction under 49 U.S.C. § 10901 (or 49 U.S.C. § 10505), or a case involving the reinstitution of service over a previously abandoned line, only the three train a day threshold in this item shall apply. (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not result in meeting or exceeding the specified thresholds.

(ii) The proposed abandonment will not result in meeting or exceeding the specified thresholds.

(iii) The proposed abandonment will not affect the transportation of ozone depleting materials.

(6) Noise. If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more; or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

Not applicable.

(7) Safety. (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings). (ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials. (iii) If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.

(i) The proposed abandonment will have no detrimental effects on public health and safety. Abandonment will allow CSXT to close 91 public road crossings and 47 private road crossings.

(ii) The proposed abandonment will not affect the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) CSXT is not aware of any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the Line.

(8) Biological Resources. (i) Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects. (ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

(i) CSXT notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“USF&W”) of the proposed abandonment by letter dated November 28, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in determining whether the proposed abandonment would adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. By email dated December 14, 2017, USF&W stated that it has “no objections to the project as currently proposed.” (See Exhibit 2). The email notes that the project is within the range of the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat and should follow the new Indiana bat/northern long-eared bat programmatic consultation process, if applicable. The USF&W also stated that the project is within the range of the federally endangered gray bat, sheepsnose mussel, fanshell mussel, and rough pigtoe mussel. With regard to the gray bat, if there are no impacts to streams or riparian habitat expected then USF&W agrees that project is not likely to adversely affect the gray bat. With regard to the three mussel species, USF&W states that there does not appear to be any habitat impacted by the proposed abandonment.

USW&F does recommend the following standard conditions: (1) Do not clear trees or understory vegetation outside the construction zone boundaries (This restriction is not related to the “tree clearing” restriction for potential Indiana Bat habitat); (2) Restrict below low-water work in streams to placement of culverts, piers, pilings and/or footings, shaping of the spill slopes around the bridge abutments, and placement of riprap. Culverts should span the active stream channel, should be either embedded or a 3-sided or open-arch culvert, and be installed where practicable on an essentially flat slope. When an open-bottom culvert or arch is used in a stream, which has a good natural bottom substrate, such as gravel, cobbles and boulders, the existing substrate should be left undisturbed beneath the culvert to provide natural habitat for the aquatic community; (3) Restrict channel work and vegetation clearing to the minimum necessary for installation of the stream crossing structure; (4) minimize the extent of hard armor (riprap) in bank stabilization by using bioengineering techniques whenever possible. If rip rap is utilized for bank stabilization, extend it below low-water elevation to provide aquatic habitat; (5) implement temporary erosion and sediment control methods within areas of disturbed soil. All disturbed soil areas upon project completion will be vegetated following NDOT’s standard specifications; (6) avoid all work within the inundated part of the stream channel (in perennial streams and larger intermittent streams) during the fish spawning season (April 1 through June 30), except for work within sealed structures such as caissons or cofferdams that were install prior to the spawning season. No equipment shall be operated below Ordinary High Water Mark during this time unless the machinery is within the caissons or on the cofferdams; and (7) evaluate wildlife crossings under bridge/culverts projects in appropriate situations. Suitable crossings include flat areas below bridge abutments with suitable ground cover, high water shelves in culverts, amphibian tunnels and diversion fencings. CSXT does not believe that

USF&W's recommended conditions 2, 3, and 4 would apply because CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub-grade structures or remove any bridges.

(ii) CSXT does not believe any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests would be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment.

CSXT has notified the National Parks Service of the proposed abandonment by letter dated November 28, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying any potential effects on wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(9) Water. (i) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards.

Describe any inconsistencies. (ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects. (iii) State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342) are required for the proposed action.

(i) CSXT is confident that the proposed abandonment will be consistent with applicable water quality standards. CSXT notified the State Environmental Protection Agency ("SEPA"), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") by letters dated November 28, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying any potential effects on water quality standards and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received as of this date.

(ii) CSXT believes that no permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act are required for the proposed abandonment and that no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be

affected by the proposed abandonment. Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right-of-way for access. No new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and does not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. CSXT does not believe a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

CSXT notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by letter dated November 28, 2017 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act are required for the proposed abandonment and that no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected by the proposed abandonment water quality standards and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received as of this date.

(iii) CSXT believes that no permit under section 402 of the Clean Water Act would be required for the abandonment. CSXT notified the SEPA and the USEPA by letter dated November 28, 2017 (*See* Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying whether permit under section 402 of the Clean Water Act would be required for the abandonment and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received as of this date.

(10) Proposed Mitigation. Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

CSXT does not expect any adverse environmental impact from the proposed abandonment and, therefore, sees no need for any mitigating actions. CSXT will, of course, adhere to any remedial actions required by the Board.

HISTORIC REPORT

1. A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action;

U.S. Geological Survey Maps have been supplied to the State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (*See Exhibit 3*) along with the preliminary CEHR.

2. A written description of the right of way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristics of the surrounding area;

The right of way width along this right of way varies, but is approximately 50 feet from the centerline of track. The Line runs generally south and east and traverses a significant amount of farming land. The Line begins northwest of Mitchell in Lawrence County, IN and moves south through Mitchell to Orleans in Orange County, IN. The Line then moves east towards Saltillo, IN and Campbellsburg, IN. The Line continues in an easterly direction to Salem in Washington County, IN. Moving east, the Line turns south and runs through New Pekin, IN and into Borden in Clark County, IN. Continuing southeast the Line passes through Sellersburg and terminates in New Albany in Floyd County, IN.

3. Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area;

Color Photographs of the structures are attached. Color Photographs of some of the structures printed on 75-year archival paper were submitted to Ms. Karie Brudis of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office by Mr. Dave Geraci as part of CSXT's Historic Report in its Discontinuance proceeding sent on October 29, 2009.

4. The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known;

- Bridge Number 255.8 is located in the town of Mitchell, IN. It is a packed bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1890.
- Bridge Number 260.6 is located in the town of Orleans, IN. This is a 25-foot deck-beam bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1958. The bridge was altered in 1972 to install side track.
- Bridge Number 279.2 is located in the town of Salem, IN. It is a precast box beams bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1940.
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- Bridge Number 280.7 is located in the town of Salem, IN. This is a 61-foot deck-beam bridge that traverses Highland Creek and was built in 1912.
- Bridge Number 282.2 is located in the town of Salem, IN. This is a 55-foot stone-arch bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1920.
- Bridge Number 283.7 is located in the town of Fogg, IN. This is a 42-foot deck-beam bridge that traverses the Blue River and was built in 1930. This bridge was altered in 1985 to install main track.
- Bridge Number 284.5 is located in the town of Fogg, IN. It is a ballasted deck that traverses the Blue River and was built in 1928.
- Bridge Number 284.9 is located in the town of Fogg, IN. This is a 40-foot deck-beam bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1953.
- Bridge Number 288.2 is located Pekin, IN. It is a standard track section that traverses a ditch and was built in 1890.
- Bridge Number 289.8 is located in the town of Pekin, IN. This is a 96-foot deck-plate girder bridge that traverses the Blue River and was built in 1914.
- Bridge Number 294.5 is located in the town of Pekin, IN. This is a 108-foot deck-beam bridge that traverses the Blue River and was built in 1930.
- Bridge Number 297.4 is located in the town of Borden, IN. This is a 24-foot deck-beam bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1930.
- Bridge Number 298.4 is located in the town of Borden, IN. This is a 39-foot deck-beam bridge that traverses Packwood Creek and was built in 1929.

- Bridge Number 300.1 is located in the town of Borden, IN. This is a 60-foot deck-beam bridge that traverses Dry Fork and was built in 1929.
- Bridge Number 303.30 is located in the town of Borden, IN. It is an open deck bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1964.
- Bridge Number 303.40 is located in the town of Borden, IN. It is an open deck bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1964.
- Bridge Number 303.5 is located in the town of Borden, IN. It is an open deck bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1964.
- Bridge Number 303.7 is located in the town of Borden, IN. This is a 103-foot deck-beam bridge that traverses Silver Creek and was built in 1930.
- Bridge Number 304.9 is located in the town of Borden, IN. It is an open deck bridge that traverses a stream and was built in 1964.
- Bridge Number 305.8 is located in the town of Borden, IN. It is a standard track section that traverses a stream and was built in 1900.

These structures have been modified as necessary throughout their existence to maintain safe railroad operations and perform routine maintenance.

5. A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action;

This Line was originally built by the New Albany & Salem Railroad and opened in 1854. In October of 1859, the company changed its name to the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad Company ("LN&C"). On May 5, 1881, the LN&C consolidated with the Chicago & Indianapolis Air Line Railway Company with the consolidated company retaining the name of the LN&C. The LN&C was purchased under foreclosure on March 10, 1897, with the new company being organized on March 31, 1897, as the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway Company ("CI&L"). The CI&L took possession of the property on or about July 1, 1897.

On May 20, 1902, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company ("L&N") and the Southern Railway Company jointly acquired capital stock of the CI&L, otherwise known as the "Monon." The Monon was eventually merged into the L&N in 1971.

In 1972 The Family Lines was adopted to identify the L&N and the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad. On November 1, 1980, Seaboard Coast Line Industries Inc. and Chessie System Inc. merged and became CSX Corporation. On April 30, 1987, the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company was merged into the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company was merged into CSX Transportation on September 2, 1987.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, Applicant's operations and maintenance over this line will cease.

6. A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic;

Engineering Sketches of the proposed bridges can be provided upon request.

7. An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities);

A review of CSXT records indicates that there twenty-one (21) CSXT-owned structures over 50 years old on this Line that may be eligible for listing in the National Register.

According to CSXT track inventory, the main track was rebuilt in the 1980s. CSXT believes that the bridges on the Line are not unusual or noteworthy for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. CSXT does not know of any significance or uniqueness to the structures that would warrant your consideration. To CSXT's knowledge, the structures and the Line are not associated with any event that has made a contribution to the broad patterns of history; or were not associated with lives of persons significant to our past; do not embody the distinctive characteristic of a type, period or method of construction; and do not represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction and have not or may not be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

It is also CSXT's opinion that there are no archeological resources or other railroad related historic properties in the project area. CSXT does not plan to alter, remove or dispose of

any of the bridges that are on the Line.

8. A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or manmade) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic waste), and the surrounding terrain.

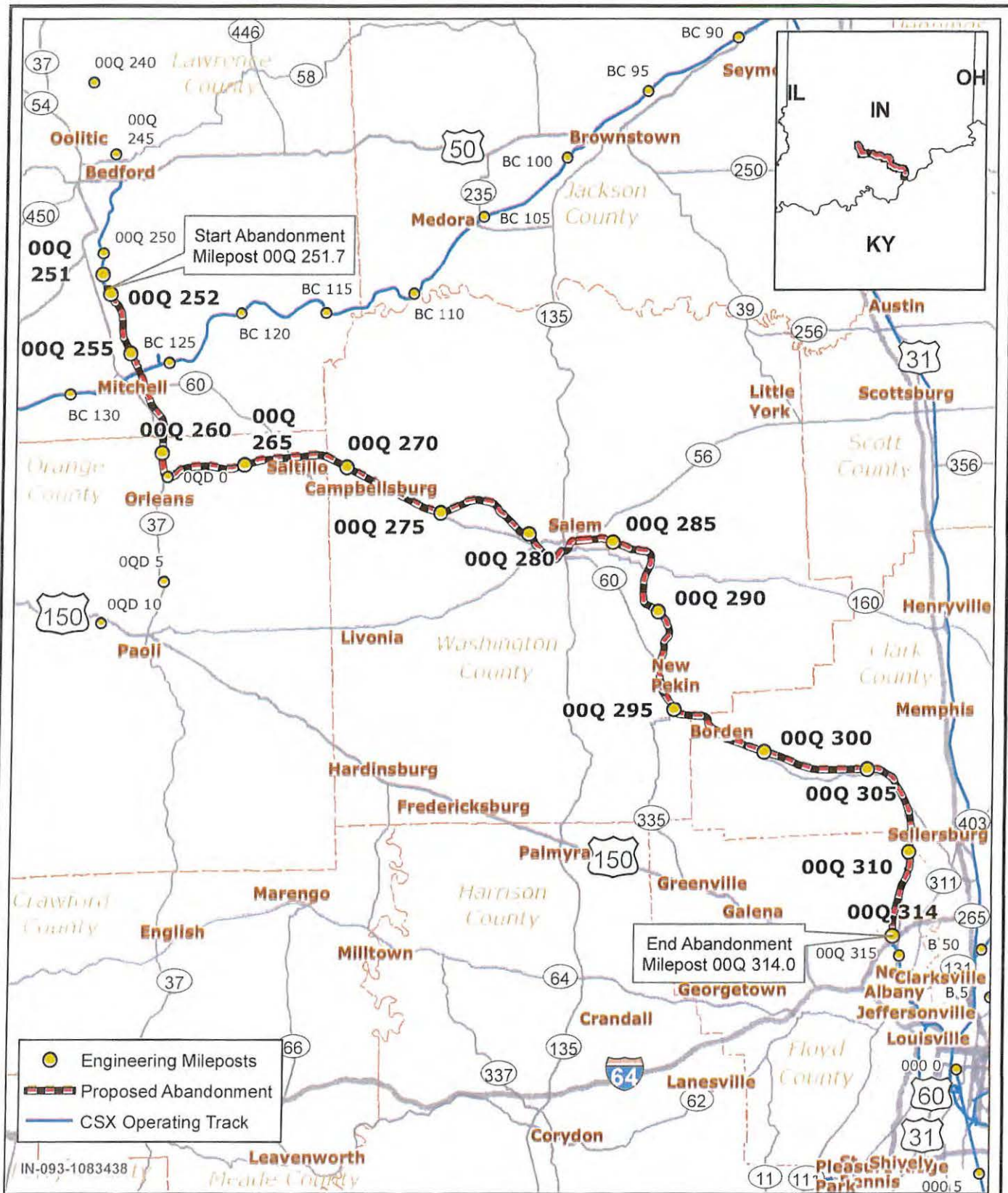
The Line was disturbed during construction by cuts and fill and any archeological resources that may have been located in the proposed project area would have been affected at that time versus during the proposed salvage operations associated with rail removal. CSXT's records do not indicate that any swampy conditions exist, or that any hazardous material spills have occurred within the project area.

9. Within 30 days of receipt of the historic report, the State Historic Preservation Officer may request the following additional information regarding specific non railroad owned properties or groups of properties immediately adjacent to the railroad right-of-way: photographs of specified properties that can be readily seen from the railroad right-of-way (or other public rights-of-way adjacent to the property) and a written description of any previously discovered archeological sites, identifying the location and type of the site (*i.e.* prehistoric or native American).

CSXT does not foresee the likelihood that any additional information will need to be supplied in association with the proposed abandonment other than that information previously submitted. But, if any additional information is requested, CSXT will promptly supply the necessary information.

CSXT notified the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office by letter dated November 28, 2017 (*See Exhibit 2*) requesting assistance to determine whether there are any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

EXHIBIT 1 – MAP



CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN
Hoosier Subdivision

Milepost 00Q 251.7 - 00Q 314.0
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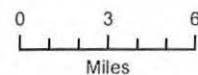


EXHIBIT 2 – LETTERS (WITHOUT MAPS)



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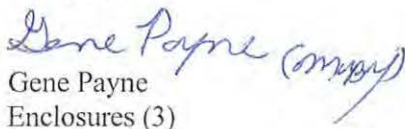
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Also enclosed is the distribution list of all parties who have been requested to comment on the CEHR. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,


Gene Payne
Enclosures (3)



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To: Payne, Gene; Louis E. Gitomer
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From: McWilliams, Robin [mailto:robin_mcwilliams@fws.gov]

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:56 AM

To: Payne, Gene <Floyd_Payne@CSX.com>

Subject: Fwd: STB Cocket No. AB-55 (Sub-no. 775X) CSX Abandonment Exemption Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Washington and Orange Co.

Dear Mr. Payne,

This responds to your recent letter, requesting our comments on the aforementioned project.

These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et. seq.) and are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Mitigation Policy.

The project proposes to abandon 62.3 miles of rail line between Bedford, Indiana and New Albany, Indiana. Abandonment will result in the removal of the rail and cross-ties. No sub-grade structures will be disturbed nor will any bridge structures be removed.

The project is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and should follow the new Indiana bat/northern long-eared bat programmatic consultation process, if applicable (i.e. a federal nexus involving the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Rail Administration, or Federal Transit Administration is established). We will review that information once it is received. If it is determined during the process that the project will not affect the Indiana bat or northern long-eared bat, no further coordination on these two species is necessary.

The project is also within the range of the federally endangered gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), sheepnose mussel (*Plethobasus cyphus*), fanshell mussel (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), and rough pigtoe mussel (*Pleurobema plenum*).

The sheepnose is a medium-sized mussel that grows to about 5 inches in length. It lives in larger rivers and streams where it is usually found in shallow areas with moderate to swift currents flowing over coarse sand and gravel. In Indiana, the sheepnose is known to occur in the Ohio River, which does not appear to be impacted by your project.

The rough pigtoe mussel is found in a wide variety of streams from large to small. In Indiana, the species is known to occur in Lawrence and Martin County in the East Fork White River. The fanshell mussel is typically found in medium to large rivers. It buries itself in sand or gravel in deep water of moderate current. This species is also known to occur in the East Fork White River. Based on the project description, there does not appear to be any habitat impacts within the East Fork White River or any streams in general.

The gray bat is a southern species which inhabits caves year-around and typically migrate between winter hibernation caves and summer cave roosts used for reproduction and foraging. Preferred foraging habitat is typically along wooded stream corridors and their forage base often includes a high percentage of aquatic insects. There is only one significant summer maternity colony known in Indiana, in southern Clark County (there is evidence that another colony may be located nearby). Previous studies have shown that Silver Creek

and Muddy Fork are the main foraging habitat for this colony. If no impacts to streams or riparian habitat is expected, we agree the project is not likely to adversely affect the gray bat.

Based on a review of the information you provided, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has no objections to the project as currently proposed. However, should new information arise pertaining to project plans or a revised species list be published, it will be necessary for the Federal agency to reinstate consultation. Our standard recommendations are provided below; some may not be applicable to this type of project.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment at this early stage of project planning. If project plans change such that fish and wildlife habitat may be affected, please re-coordinate with our office as soon as possible. If you have any questions about our recommendations, please call (812) 334-4261.

Sincerely,
Robin McWilliams Munson

Standard Recommendations:

1. Do not clear trees or understory vegetation outside the construction zone boundaries. **(This restriction is not related to the "tree clearing" restriction for potential Indiana Bat habitat.)**
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Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact on wetlands or 100-year flood plains, and that no permits under Section 404 will be required.

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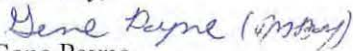
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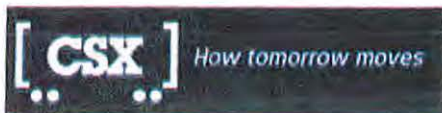
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Please advise if there are any geodetic markers which could be affected by the proposed transaction. Any questions can be sent electronically to Floyd_Payne@CSX.com by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

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In connection with rail line that is the subject of an application for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a preliminary Combined Environmental and Historic Report ("CEHR") covering the above-proposed abandonment.

We would appreciate receiving a letter from your office confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources. Any questions can be sent electronically to Floyd_Payne@CSX.com by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

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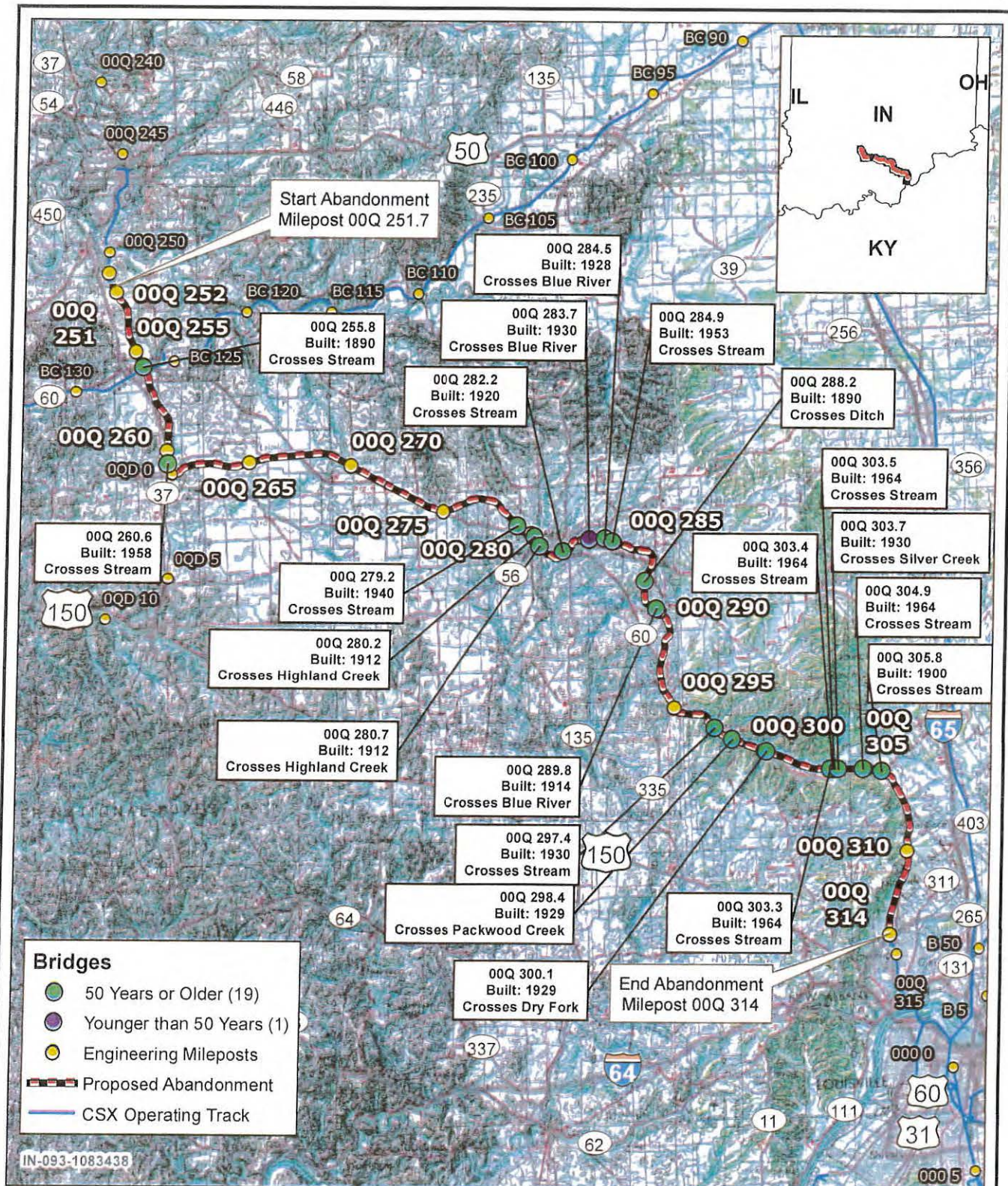
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CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment - Topo Map
Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN
Hoosier Subdivision

Milepost 00Q 251.7 - 00Q 314.0
 Total Distance of Approx. 62.3 Miles
 Louisville Division - Hoosier Subdivision
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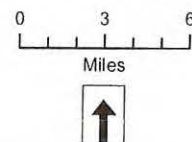


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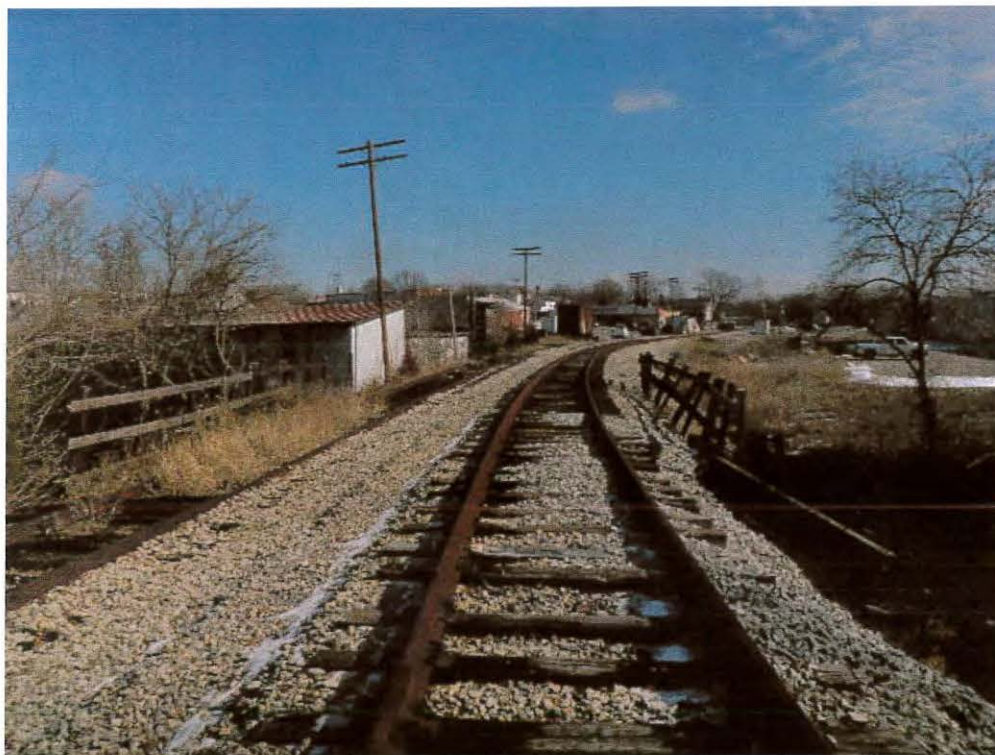
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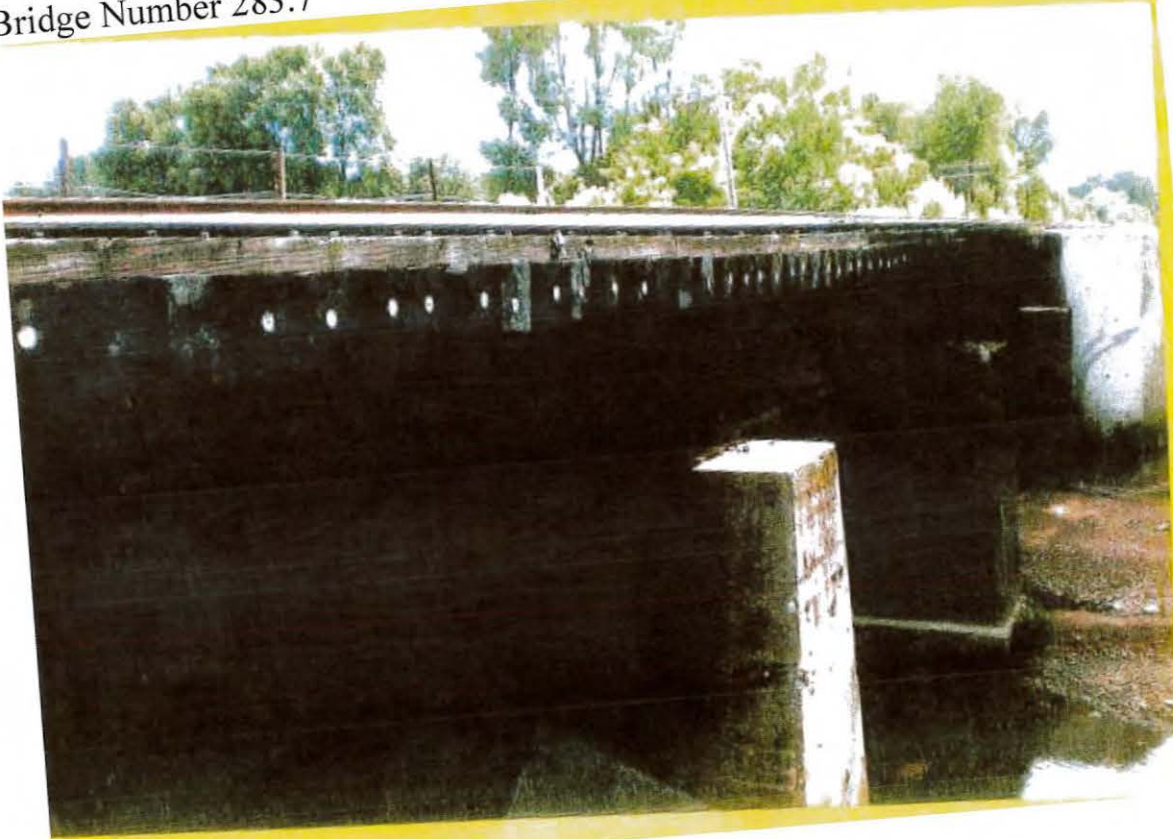
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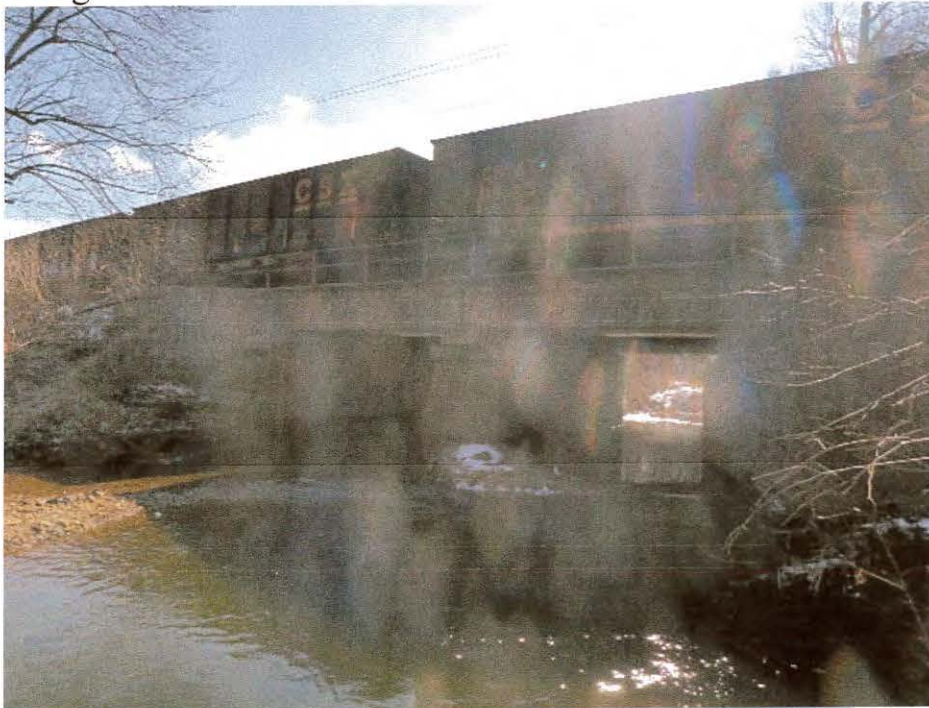
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