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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington DC 20423

Re: **Docket No. AB-468 (Sub-No. 5X), Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. --**
Abandonment -- In McCracken County, KY and
~~**Docket No. AB-468 (Sub-No. 6X), Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. --**~~
~~**Abandonment -- In Hopkins County, KY**~~ 209627

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision issued November 7, 2003 in AB-468 (Sub-No. 6X), *Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. -- Abandonment -- In Hopkins County, KY*, the Board imposed a requirement that Paducah and Louisville (P&L) "retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of the line. . . until the completion of the section 106 process of the NHPA [National Historic Preservation Act]." A similar condition was imposed in a decision issued June 18, 2003 in AB-468 (Sub-No. 5X), *Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. -- Abandonment -- In McCracken County, KY*.

Pursuant to the section 106 process of the NHPA, P&L has consulted with the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer ("KSHiPO"). As a result of those discussions, the KSHiPO has determined that the abandonments will not have an adverse effect on historic properties. Enclosed you will find a copy of the cover page from the respective environmental and historic reports stamped with the KSHiPO's conclusions. Accordingly, P&L requests a prompt removal of the section 106 condition imposed on the abandonments in order to allow P&L to move as expeditiously as possible in fully consummating the abandonments through the salvage of the rails, ties, and other track materials.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of these comments by date stamping the enclosed eleventh copy and returning it to the courier to return to me.

Sincerely,


William A. Mullins

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cc: J. Thomas Garrett
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Secretary Vernon A. Williams
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RE: Proposed Abandonment by Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc.
Docket No. AB-468 (Sub-No. 5X)
Environmental and Historic Reports

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket an original and ten (10) copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report prepared pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8, with the corresponding Certificates of Service pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(c) and 1105.11.

Paducah & Louisville anticipates filing a Petition for Exemption in this matter on or about February 27, 2003. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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No Effect on Historic Properties

by *Gayle E. Felt* Date *12-12-03*
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Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer

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Re: **Proposed Abandonment by Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc.
In Hopkins County, KY – Docket No. AB-468 (Sub-No. 6X)
Historic Report**

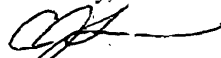
Dear Sir / Madam:

The Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. ("P&L") is planning to file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB" or "Board") on or about September 10, 2003 for P&L to abandon approximately 4.81 miles of rail line located in Hopkins County, Kentucky, running from milepost J-159.6 (near Ilsey) to milepost J164.41 (near Dawson Springs). The proposed abandonment will involve the removal of rail, ties, other track material and ballast. A map of the line segment that is proposed for abandonment is enclosed.

In connection with the rail line that is to become the subject of notice for authority to abandon, 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8 requires that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation entity prior to filing with the STB. A Historic Report for this Notice of Exemption is enclosed. As you will note in the report there are five bridges that are 50 years old (or older) located along the line. Photographs of those bridges are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Christine J. Sommer

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No Effect on Historic Properties

By David L. Morgan Date 12-12-03

for **David L. Morgan**

Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer

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