

LAW OFFICES OF
LOUIS E. GITOMER, LLC

LOUIS E. GITOMER
Lou@lgraillaw.com

600 BALTIMORE AVENUE, SUITE 301
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4022
(410) 296-2250 • (202) 466-6532
FAX (410) 332-0885

MELANIE B. YASBIN
Melanie@lgraillaw.com
410-296-2205

December 6, 2018

246865

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

ENTERED
Office of Proceedings
December 6, 2018
Part of
Public Record

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 785X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Vermilion County, Ill.**

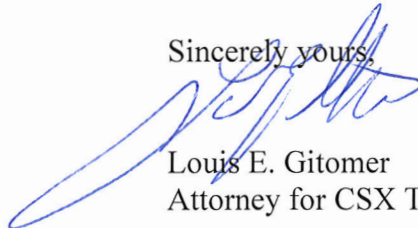
Dear Ms. Brown,

On November 30, 2018, Vermillion Valley Railroad (“VVRR”) filed a Petition to Reject and/or Stay (“VVRR Petition”) the Notice of Exemption filed on November 13, 2018 (the “Notice”) by CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) to discontinue service over a 3.6-mile railroad line between milepost QSK 0.0 and milepost QSK 3.6 in Vermilion County, IL (the “Line”) in the above-entitled proceeding. The VVRR Petition was not served on counsel for CSXT until December 3, 2018 (see attached email).

On December 3, 2018, the Board, through the Director of the Office of Proceedings, issued a Notice of Exemption requiring all petitions to stay be filed by December 13, 2018. Unless advised otherwise by the Board, rather than file multiple pleadings in response to the VVRR Petition and other potential parties, CSXT will file one Reply on December 17, 2018 opposing the VVRR Petition and any other stay requests that may be filed. The VVRR Petition does not provide the Board with any facts or legal argument that would warrant either a stay or revocation of the Notice. There is contiguous track on the Line and there has been no traffic over the Line for at least two years. Moreover, there are no active shippers on the Line and no shipper has opposed or sought a stay of the Notice.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Louis E. Gitomer
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Cc: Mr. Heffner