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BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X)
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption
-- Line In Springhill, Webster Parish, LA

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's exemption procedures for abandonment of rail lines with no local business for at least two years (49 C.F.R. § 1152.50), enclosed are an original and 11 copies of a verified Notice of Exemption, including a Certificate of Service and Publication.

A check in the amount of \$3,000.00 is enclosed as the filing fee. Three diskettes, each containing a copy of this Notice, are also enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

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William A. Mullins

Enclosures

cc: Thomas J. Healey, Esq.

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Dated: July 22, 2005

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WASHINGTON, DC**

**STB DOCKET NO. AB-103
(SUB-NO. 19X)**

**THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
LINE IN SPRINGHILL, WEBSTER PARISH, LA**

EXEMPTION NOTICE

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") submits the following notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152, Subpart F, Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights, for an exempt abandonment of approximately 1.12 miles of rail line located in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 48.48 to milepost 49.60 (the "Line")

Proposed Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R § 1152.50 (d)(2)

The abandonment will be consummated on or after September 10, 2005 (50 days after filing the Notice of Exemption).

Certification: 49 C.F.R § 1152.50 (b)

KCS certifies that the Line satisfies the criteria for abandonment under the exemption in 49 C.F.R. § 1152, Subpart F. *See* Verification of The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, attached hereto and made part hereof as Exhibit A.

Additional Information Required: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1)-(4), (7)-(8) and (e)(4)

(a) General

(a)(1) The railroad's exact name is The Kansas City Southern Railway Company.

(a)(2) KCSR is a common carrier by railroad subject to the Board's jurisdiction under 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, chapter 105.

(a)(3) KCSR seeks to abandon the Line from milepost 48.48 to milepost 49.60, a distance of 1.12 miles.¹ The Line is located in Springhill, Webster Parish, LA.

(a)(4) A detailed map showing the location of the Line in conjunction with other rail lines, highways and major roads in the area is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

(a)(7) The representative of KCSR to whom correspondence regarding this abandonment should be sent is:

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(a)(8) Zip Code. The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip code 71075.

(e)(4) Rural and Community Impact. In KCSR's opinion, there is no reasonable alternative to abandonment. No local traffic has moved over the Line in the past two years, and there is no overhead traffic on the Line. Given that the Line has not been used for local rail shipments for over twenty-four (24) months, there will be no effect on regional or local transportation systems and patterns and no diversion of traffic to other transportation systems or modes. KCSR recognizes, however, that the properties

¹ The rail, ties and other track materials were previously removed from the Line. KCSR believes this may have occurred when the track on the adjoining segment was salvaged to create a trail, following the Surface Transportation Board's approval of that segment for abandonment. See *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-Abandonment Exemption-In Webster Parish, LA*, STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 13X) (served June 12, 1998). The right-of-way of the Line, however, remains under KCSR ownership and KCSR continues to have a common carrier obligation over the line. Removal of the rail and track materials from the Line occurred without any intent on KCSR's part to abandon the Line.

proposed for abandonment might be suitable for other public purposes or for utility corridor usage. From the information in its possession, KCSR is unaware of any condition that would affect the transfer of title to or the use of the railroad right-of-way for other than rail purposes.

Labor Protection

The interests of affected railroad employees, if any, will be protected by the conditions discussed in *Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. – Abandonment – Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Certifications

Attached hereto as Exhibit C are the Certificates of Service and Publication pursuant to the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(1), 1105.11 and 1105.12.

Environmental and Historic Report

A copy of KCSR's Environmental and Historic Report containing the information required by 49 C.F.R. §§1105.7(e) and 1105.8 and delivered in accordance with 49 C.F.R. §1105.11, is attached hereto as Exhibit D. The original and ten (10) copies were filed with the Board on June 29, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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LINE IN SPRINGHILL, WEBSTER PARISH, LA**

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EXHIBIT A

VERIFICATION

I hereby verify that no local traffic has moved over The Kansas City Southern Railway Company's line between Milepost 48.48 and Milepost 49.60 in Webster Parish, Louisiana (the "Line"), for at least two years and that any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted. I further certify that no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or filed by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with this Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the said two-year period. I also certify that I am duly authorized to make this verification.

Dated: July 21, 2005

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Associate General Counsel

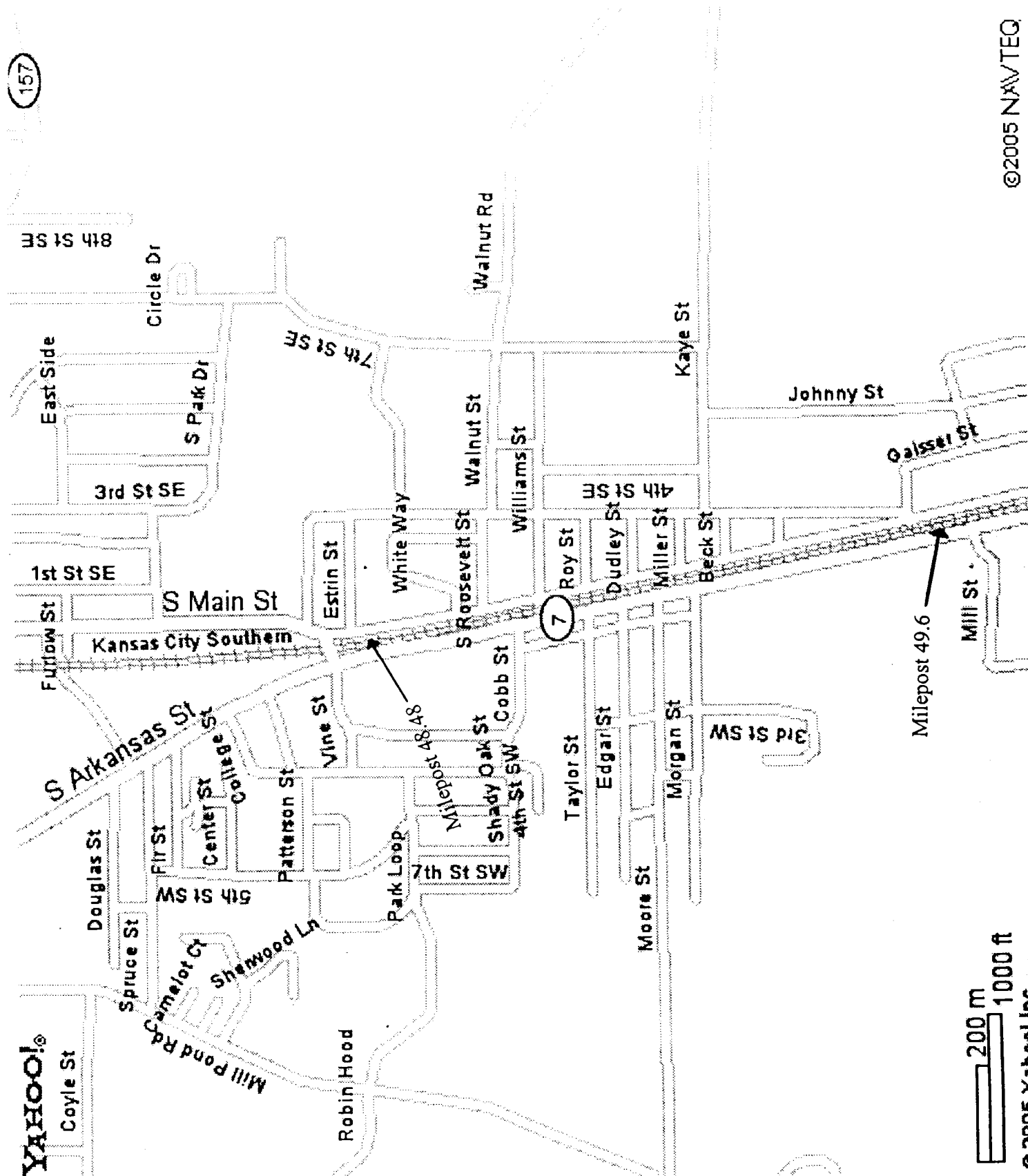
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EXHIBIT C

Certificate of Service and Publication

49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) – Notice

I certify that written notice was given, by The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, of its intent to use the notice of exemption procedure to abandon 1.12 miles of rail, in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana. Written notice (a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 1), along with a copy of the Environmental and Historic Report appended hereafter, was served on the following:

Secretary Lawrence St. Blanc
Louisiana Public Service Commission
Galvez Bldg., 12th Floor
602 North Fifth Street
P.O. Box 91154
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9154

Dale Bosworth
Chief of the Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
201 14th Street, S.W., Suite 4NW
Washington, DC 20250

The National Center for Recreation and
Conservation
c/o The National Park Service
C (Org. Code 2220)
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

SDDC TEA
Attn: MTT-SA
Bob Korpathy
720 Thimble Shoals Blvd., Ste. 130
Newport News, VA 23606

Louisiana Dept. of Transportation & Development
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

July 22, 2005


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Attachment 1

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June 29, 2005

Secretary Lawrence St. Blanc
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9154

RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption –*
Line In Springhill, Webster Parish, La
STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X)

Dear Secretary St. Blanc:

On or about July 22, 2005, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, Subpart F, seeking to abandon 1.12 miles of railroad track located in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 48.48 (approximately 200 feet south of Vine Street) to milepost 49.60 (slightly south of Gaisser Street)(the "Line"). The Line traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 71075. Enclosed is an Environmental and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 565-1545 and refer to STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X).

Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the SEA (at the address provided in the above paragraph) along with a copy to KCSR's representative (at the address provided in the paragraph below) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action.

Secretary Lawrence St. Blanc
June 29, 2005
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If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact KCSR's representative by mail at: William A. Mullins, Esq., Baker & Miller, PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; by FAX: (202) 663-7849; by e-mail: wmullins@bakerandmiller.com or by TEL: (202) 663-7823.

Sincerely,

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William A. Mullins

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Surface Transportation Board
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Louisiana Dept. of Transportation & Development
June 29, 2005
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RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption --*
Line In Springhill, Webster Parish, La
STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X)

Dear Mr. Bosworth:

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Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service
June 29, 2005
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RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption –*
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Dear Mr. Korpathy:

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Bob Korpathy
June 29, 2005
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Sincerely,



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Certificate of Service and Publication

49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 – Transmittal Letter for Applicant's Reports

I certify that on June 29, 2005, copies of KCS's Environmental and Historic Reports were served pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§1105.7 and 1105.8 on the following:

- a) State Clearinghouse (or alternate)
- b) State Environmental Protection Agency
- c) State Coastal Zone Management Agency
- d) Head of each county
- e) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (regional office)
- f) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- g) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- h) National Park Service
- i) U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
- j) The National Geodetic Survey
- k) State Historic Preservation Office
- l) Other Agencies Consulted (as listed)

(The Certificates of Service attached to the Environmental and Historic Reports list the names and addresses of the federal, state and local agencies served.)

July 22, 2005


William A. Mullins
Attorney for The Kansas City Southern
Railway Company

Certificate of Service and Publication

49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 – Newspaper Notice

I certify that a “Notice of Intent to Abandon or to Discontinue Rail Service” was published in the form prescribed by the Board for a Notice of Exemption. The notice was published one time in a major newspaper, *Springhill Press*, in Webster Parish, where the Line is located.

July 22, 2005


William A. Mullins
Attorney for The Kansas City Southern
Railway Company

**Legal #142-05
Kansas City Southern
Railroad
NOTICE**

The Kansas City Southern Railroad Company gives notice that on or about July 22, 2005, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of a 1.12-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost 48.48, near Vine Street, and railroad milepost 49.6, near Gaisser Street, all within United States Postal Service ZIP Code 71075 in Webster Parish, LA. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) 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), 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 (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at 202-565-1545.

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 20423-0001 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicants' representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Question regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-565-1592. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: William A. Mullins, BAKER 7 MILLER PLLC. 2401 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., #300, Washington, DC 20037; phone: 202-664-7823; fax 202-663-7849.

(As published in the Springhill Press and News Journal. June 30, 2005.)

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**THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
LINE IN SPRINGHILL, WEBSTER PARISH, LA**

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") intends to abandon approximately 1.12 miles of rail line located in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §1105.7 and §1105.8, KCSR submits the following Environmental and Historic Report.

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.

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") seeks to abandon approximately 1.12 miles of rail line located in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 48.48, approximately 200 feet south of Vine Street, to milepost 49.6, south of Gaisser Street (the "Line"). A map that delineates the proposed project is attached as Exhibit A.

The Line does not currently serve any customers and there has been no rail traffic for at least twenty-four months. Accordingly, abandonment will not change the level of operational activity on the Line. KCSR anticipates selling its interest in the right-of-

way for conversion to trail use. The only reasonable alternative to abandonment would be to allow the Line to remain in its current condition.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 or freight traffic on the Line. Accordingly, abandonment will not affect regional or local transportation systems or patterns and there will be no diversion of traffic from rail to other modes.

(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.**

KCSR believes the proposed abandonment will be consistent with existing land use plans. This section of right-of-way adjoins right-of-way covered in an earlier abandonment. The City of Springhill and others proposed converting that right of way to a trail and negotiated with KCSR to reach a trail use agreement. KCSR anticipates that a similar result may occur here. KCSR has contacted the City of Springhill and Webster Parish concerning this abandonment proposal by letters dated June 23, 2005. *See Exhibit 2.* No response has been received as of this date. A copy of this Environmental Report has been mailed to the appropriate local and state agencies for their information and further comment.

- (ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.**

KCSR does not believe that the proposed abandonment will have any adverse impact on prime agricultural land. The Line lies within the City of Springhill and generally parallels a main road in the community. KCSR notified the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Natural Resources Conservation

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Service in Columbia, Louisiana by letter dated June 23, 2005 and requested assistance in identifying any potential effects on prime agriculture land. See Exhibit 2. No response has been received to date. A copy of this report is being supplied to USDA for its information and comment.

- (iii) **If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by Sec. 1105.9.**

Webster Parish is not within a designated coastal zone.

- (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. 10906 and explain why.**

In the opinion of KCSR, the properties proposed for abandonment might be suitable for other public purposes, including as a utility corridor or a trail.

(4) ENERGY

- (i) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

Inasmuch as there has been no rail traffic on the Line for at least two years, the abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of energy resources.

- (ii) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.**

Inasmuch as there has been no rail traffic on the Line for at least two years, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

- (iii) **State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.**

Inasmuch as there has been no rail traffic on the Line for at least two years, the proposed abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

- (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.**

To minimize the production of repetitive data, the information on overall energy efficiency in Sec. 1105.7(e)(4)(iii) need not be supplied if the more detailed information in Sec. 1105.7(e)(4)(iv) is required.

Inasmuch as there has been no rail traffic on the Line for at least two years, there will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage that would exceed these thresholds.

(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 subsection (5)(i)(A) will apply.**

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(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.**

Based upon 40 C.F.R. §81.319 (2004), KCSR believes that Webster Parish is not a non-attainment area and that the above-stated thresholds are therefore inapplicable. Nevertheless, the above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (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.**

Not applicable.

(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.**

None of the thresholds of item (5)(i) of this section will be exceeded.

(7) **SAFETY**

- (i) **Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).**

Elimination of the Line will allow conversion into a trail. Former grade crossings on the Line can be permanently reconfigured for motor vehicle use.

- (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.**

Hazardous materials are not expected to be transported.

- (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.**

KCSR is unaware of any hazardous waste sites or sites on the Line where there have been hazardous material spills.

(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.**

KCSR believes that the proposed abandonment will not have an adverse impact on endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat. KCSR notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by letter dated June 23, 2005 and requested assistance in determining whether the proposed abandonment would adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat. *See Exhibit 2.* No response has yet been received. A copy of this report has been supplied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its information and comment.

- (ii) **State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the Line is not within any wildlife sanctuary or refuge, or any National or state park or forest. KCSR notified the National Park Service of the proposed abandonment by letter dated June 23, 2005 and requested assistance in identifying any potential effects on wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, or National or state parks or forests. *See Exhibit 2.* No response has yet been received. A copy of this report has been supplied to the National Park Service for its information and comment.

(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.**

KCSR is confident that the proposed abandonment will be consistent with applicable water quality standards. KCSR contacted the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by letters dated June 23, 2005. *See Exhibit 2.* To date, no response to this request has been received. A copy of this report will be supplied to those agencies for their information and further comment.

- (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.**

KCSR believes that no permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required because no salvage activities are anticipated to occur in or adjacent to any waterways, and that the 100-year flood plains will not be adversely impacted by the proposed abandonment. KCSR contacted the U.S. Army Engineer District for Louisiana by letter dated June 23, 2005 and has received no response to date. *See Exhibit 2.* A copy of this report has been supplied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for its information and comment.

- (iii) **State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required.)**

Upon receiving abandonment authority, any removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. KCSR 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 removal of track material. No debris will be discarded along the right of way nor placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Any work necessary to prepare the right-of-way for use as a trail will be subject to appropriate measures to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering and waterways. Accordingly, KCSR does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

By letter dated June 23, 2005, KCSR has contacted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality concerning this matter and requested assistance in identifying any potential impacts on applicable water quality standards and determining whether the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable Federal, State, or local water quality standards. *See Exhibit 2.* A copy of this report is being supplied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for their information and comment.

(10) PROPOSED MITIGATION

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

There will be no adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment; therefore, mitigating action will not be necessary.

(11) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR RAIL CONSTRUCTIONS**

Not applicable.

HISTORIC REPORT

49 CFR §1105.7 (e)(1):

- (1) **A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an 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;**

A map is attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and has been supplied to the Louisiana Division of Archaeology. *See* Exhibit 2. There are no known railroad structures on the Line which are 50 years old or older.

- (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 involved right-of-way consists of a 100-foot-wide strip of land approximately 1.12 miles long located in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 48.48 to milepost 49.6 (the "Line"). The right-of-way is in an urban/suburban area and the topography is generally flat.

- (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;**

There are no known railroad structures on the right-of-way of the Line that are 50 years old or older.

- (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;**

Not applicable.

- (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;**

The Line was originally part of the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway ("L&A") and was probably built between 1898 and 1902 as part of extending that railroad south toward Minden. The L&A was built north to Hope, AR in 1903 to connect with

the Missouri Pacific and the Frisco railroads. Through acquisitions and further construction, the L&A eventually was extended south to New Orleans and west to Dallas. KCSR acquired control of the L&A in 1939, and the L&A was merged into KCSR in 1992. Inasmuch as the Line has been inactive for more than two years and the Line north of it was converted to a trail in about 1999, abandonment will not effect any change in the KCSR's operations.

- (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;**

Not applicable. No railroad structures exist on the right-of-way.

- (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 CFR 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 KCSR's records indicates that there are no structures on the Line that are 50 years old or older. KCSR is also unaware of any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties on the Line's right-of-way.

- (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 wastes), and the surrounding terrain.**

Various track work and/or construction occurred over the many years that the track was in operation. Such work may have disturbed the potential for recovery of archeological resources.

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LINE IN SPRINGHILL, WEBSTER PARISH, LA**

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT

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Spruce St

WS 1st St SW

First St

Center St

College St

Mill Pond Rd

Shenwood Ln

Patterson St

Robin Hood

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WS 4th St SW

Shady Oak St

4th St SW

Taylor St

Edgar St

Moore St

Morgan St

WS 1st St SW

3rd St SW

Cobb St

S Roosevelt St

Walnut St

Williams St

Roy St

Dudley St

Miller St

Beck St

Kaye St

Johnny St

Mill St

Galisset St

Kansas City Southern

S Main St

1st St SE

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S Park Dr

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White Way

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Milepost 49.6

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Milepost 48.48

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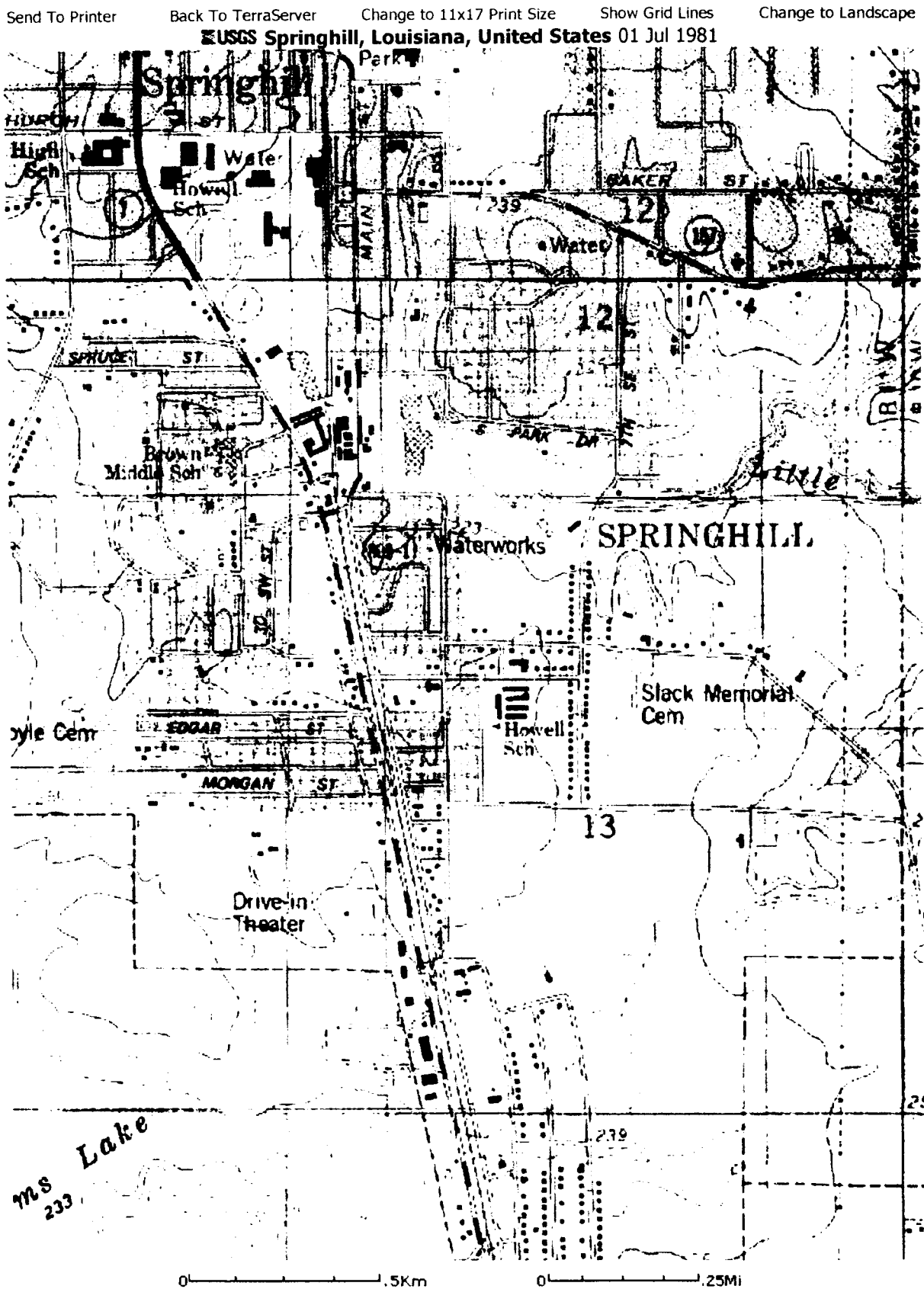


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