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BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 20X)

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption

-- Line In Jefferson Parish, LA

Dear Secretary Williams:

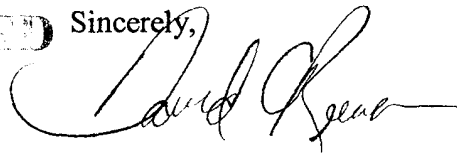
Pursuant to the Board's exemption procedures for abandonment of rail lines with no local business for at least two years (49 C.F.R. § 1152.50), enclosed are an original and 11 copies of a verified Notice of Exemption, including a Certificate of Service and Publication.

A check in the amount of \$3,100.00 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.

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Sincerely,



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David C. Reeves

Enclosures

cc: Raymond Moehlman

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Dated: May 16, 2006

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EXEMPTION NOTICE

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") submits the following notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR Part 1152, Subpart F, Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights, for an exempt abandonment of a 0.71-mile segment of a former Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Company ("L&A")¹ main line in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana (the "Line").

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

The abandonment will be consummated on or after July 5, 2006 (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 CFR Part 1152, Subpart F. *See* Verification of The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, attached hereto and made part hereof as Exhibit A.

¹ L&A is a corporate predecessor of KCSR.

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 a segment of the former L&A main line in Jefferson Parish, LA. The segment is a remnant of an L&A main line that was relocated pursuant to Interstate Commerce Commission exemption in Finance Docket No. 30639.² The segment extends from Milepost 862.14 (near Turnbull Drive) to Milepost 862.85 (near Causeway Blvd.). The segment is located in Jefferson 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 lies in U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 70001.

(e)(4) Rural and Community Impact. The Line lies in a highly-urbanized area, just south of the main business district of Metairie, LA. Therefore, there will be no rural

² Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Company--Trackage Rights Exemption--Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company and New Orleans Terminal Company, Finance Docket No. 30639 (served April 17, 1985).

impact from removal of the Line. Neither will there be any adverse impact on the local community because no local traffic has moved over the Line in the past two years, and all overhead traffic was rerouted years ago. 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 proposed for abandonment might be suitable for other public purposes. 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

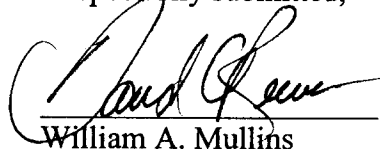
Attached hereto as Exhibit C are the Certificates of Service and Publication pursuant to the notice requirements of 49 CFR §§1152.50(d)(1), 1105.11 and 1105.12.

Environmental and Historic Report

A copy of KCSR's Environmental and Historic Report containing the information required by 49 CFR §§1105.7(e) and 1105.8 and delivered in accordance with 49 CFR

§1105.11, is attached hereto as Exhibit D. The report was filed with the Board on April 26, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Mullins", is written over a horizontal line.

William A. Mullins

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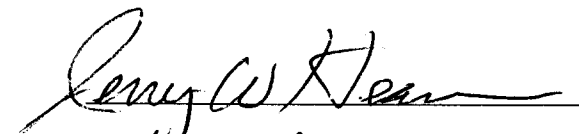
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EXHIBIT A

VERIFICATION

I hereby verify that no local traffic has moved over The Kansas City Southern Railway Company's line between Milepost 862.14 (near Turnbull Dr.) and Milepost 862.85 (near Causeway Blvd.) in Jefferson Parish, LA (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: May 11, 2006


(Printed Name) J.W. HEAVEN
(Title) Sr. VP Genl Mgr

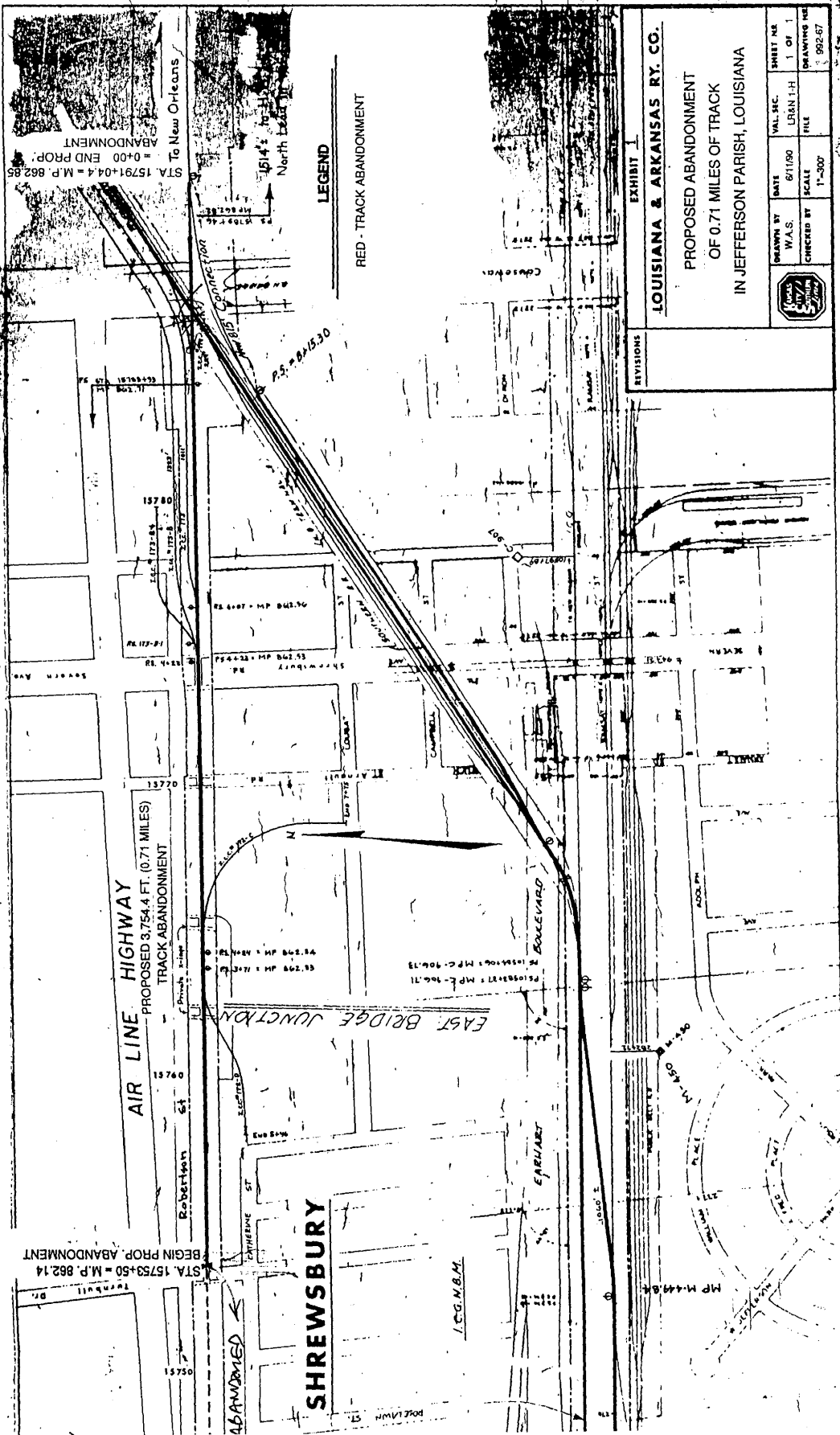
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REVISIONS	EXHIBIT 1			
	LOUISIANA & ARKANSAS RY. CO.			
	PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF 0.71 MILES OF TRACK IN JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA			
DATE	W.A.S.	SCALE	CHECKED BY	SHEET NO.
6/11/90		1"=300'		1 OF 1
				DRAWING NO.
				992-67

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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 approximately 0.71 miles of rail line located in Jefferson Parish, LA. 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

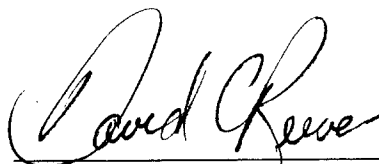
Dale Bosworth
Chief of the Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
201 14th Street, S.W., Suite 4NW
Washington, DC 20250

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

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Attachment 1

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Pursuant to the STB's regulations at 49 C.F.R. §1105, KCSR will prepare and file an environmental and historic report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects. In preparation of these reports, KCSR is seeking your input and comment. At this time and based on information in KCSR's possession, KCSR does not anticipate any adverse environmental or historic effects. Likewise, based on known information in KCSR's possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

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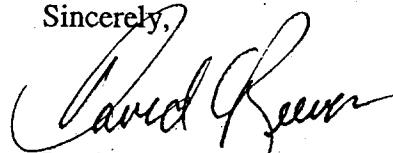
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If you have any information regarding the environmental and historic impacts of the proposed abandonment that you desire to provide to KCSR before issuance of the environmental and historic report, please provide them to me as KCSR's representative by e-mail at: dreeves@bakerandmiller.com; by mail at: David C. Reeves, Esq., Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; by FAX at: (202) 663-7849; or by TEL at: (202) 663-7824.

Regardless of whether or not you provide any comments at this time, a copy of the environmental and historic report will be mailed to you at least 21 days before KCSR files its Notice of Exemption. You will be given an opportunity to provide comment on that report at that time. That report and any comments that you provide at that time will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please review the regulations, contact me, or the STB's Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 565-1545.

Sincerely,



David C. Reeves

Enclosure

cc: Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
Surface Transportation Board
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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 April 26, 2006, copies of KCSR's Environmental and Historic Reports were served pursuant to 49 CFR §§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
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- g) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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- k) State Historic Preservation Office
- l) Other Agencies Consulted (as listed)

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

May 16, 2006



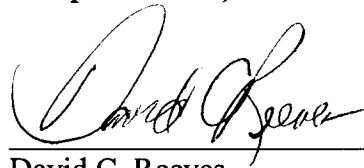
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49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 – Newspaper Notice

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 The Times Picayune, a newspaper of general circulation in Jefferson Parish, where the Line is located. (See attached proof of publication.)

May 16, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Reeves", written over a horizontal line.

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The Times-Picayune

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Personally appeared before me, a Notary in and for the parish of Orleans, Robert J. Chiasson who deposes and says that he is the Accounts Receivable Manager, of The Times-Picayune Publishing Corporation, a Louisiana Corporation, Publishers of The Times-Picayune, Daily and Sunday, of general circulation; doing business in the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, and that the attached **LEGAL NOTICE**

Re: The Kansas City Southern Railway Co. gives notice about 5-16-06 it intends to file W/ Surface Transportation

Advertisement of Mullins, William A.

2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Suite 300
Washington, DC. 20037

Was published in The Times Picayune

3800 Howard Ave.
New Orleans, La. 70125

On the following dates May 4, 2006

4th

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
Day of May, 2006

Robert J. Chiasson
Notary Public

My commission expires at my death.
Charles A. Ferguson, Jr.

Notary identification number 23492

of railroad between railroad
milepost 862.14, near Turnbull
Drive, and railroad milepost
862.45, near Causeway
Boulevard, all within United
States Postal Service ZIP Code
70001 in Metairie (Jefferson
Parish), LA. The proceeding will
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(Sub-No. 20X).

The Board's Section of
Environmental Analysis (SEA)
will generally prepare an
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(EA), which will normally be
available 25 days after the filing
of the notice of exemption.
Comments on environmental
and energy matters should be
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the EA becomes available to the
public and will be addressed in a
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persons may obtain a copy of
the EA or make inquiries
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(SEA), Surface Transportation
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Appropriate offers of financial
assistance to continue rail
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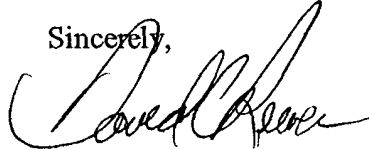
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Enclosure

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") intends to abandon approximately 0.71 miles of rail line located in Jefferson 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 0.71 miles of rail line located in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, extending from Milepost 862.14 (near Turnbull Drive) to Milepost 862.85 (near Causeway Blvd.) (the "Line"). A map that delineates the proposed project is attached as Exhibit 1.

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. The only reasonable alternative to abandonment would be to allow the Line to remain in its current condition of disuse. The Line is largely a remnant of a former

main line track. KCSR's former operations over that track have been rerouted to a nearby alternative route.

(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 rail systems or patterns and there will be no diversion of traffic from rail to other modes. Elimination of at-grade crossings should improve local roadway traffic conditions.

(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 Line adjoins other former Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Company ("L&A")¹ right-of-way covered in an earlier abandonment as part of a relocation of L&A's operations to a nearby Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company ("IC") rail line via trackage rights on IC.² The purpose of that relocation was, in part, to avoid unnecessary duplication of rail facilities and to free property for other uses. The Line is the tail end segment of the section of L&A that was removed as part of the relocation of L&A's operations to the IC line. 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 a populous urban area, adjacent to other rail lines, highways and streets, and is just south of the main business district of Metairie. KCSR does not believe that any adjacent land is used for agricultural purposes. KCSR notified the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boutte,

¹ L&A is a corporate predecessor of KCSR.

² Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Company--Trackage Rights Exemption--Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company and New Orleans Terminal Company, Finance Docket No. 30639 (served April 17, 1985).

Louisiana by letter dated April 18, 2006 and requested assistance in identifying any potential effects on prime agricultural 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.**

Jefferson Parish is within a designated coastal zone. However, based on initial consultation with Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Restoration and Management personnel, KCSR believes that its proposed abandonment is not listed as subject to review in the applicable coastal zone management plan. A copy of this report is being sent to the Office of Coastal Restoration and Management to confirm that conclusion.

- (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, while the properties proposed for abandonment might be suitable for other public purposes, the most likely alternative use (based on proximity of the Line to local roadways) would be for private development. However, KCSR expects to convey the land in two existing private road crossings to local government for dedication to public use.

(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 (2005), KCSR believes that Jefferson 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).

Because the line has been inactive for at least 24 months, the proposed abandonment will not result in any pronounced changes in public safety. However, some 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, which will occur in an urban area, 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 April 18, 2006 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.**

KCSR is not aware of any wildlife sanctuary or refuge, or any National or state park or forest adjacent to the Line. KCSR notified the National Park Service of the proposed abandonment by letter dated April 18, 2006 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. There are no bodies of water crossing the Line. KCSR contacted the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by letters dated April 18, 2006. *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 100-year flood plains will not be adversely impacted by the proposed abandonment. KCSR contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District by letter dated April 18, 2006 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.)**

The Line does not cross, and is not immediately adjacent to, any waterway. 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 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 along the right-of-way will be subject to appropriate measures to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials. Accordingly, KCSR does not believe that a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

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(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 U.S.G.S. topographic map is attached hereto as Exhibit 3. The map attached as Exhibit 1 has previously been supplied to the Louisiana Division of Archaeology. See Exhibit 2. There are no known railroad buildings or 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 an approximately 100-foot-wide strip of land 0.71 miles long located in Metairie, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 862.14 to milepost 862.85 (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 previously part of the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway ("L&A"), and may have originally been constructed by the Louisiana Railway & Navigation Company, a predecessor of L&A. 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, abandonment will not effect any change in 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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**THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
LINE IN JEFFERSON PARISH, LA**

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT

EXHIBIT 2 - CONSULTATION LETTERS

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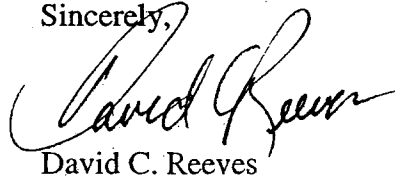
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If you have any information regarding the environmental and historic impacts of the proposed abandonment that you desire to provide to KCSR before issuance of the environmental and historic report, please provide them to me as KCSR's representative by e-mail at: dreeves@bakerandmiller.com; by mail at: David C. Reeves, Esq., Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; by FAX at: (202) 663-7849; or by TEL at: (202) 663-7824.

Regardless of whether or not you provide any comments at this time, a copy of the environmental and historic report will be mailed to you at least 21 days before KCSR files its Notice of Exemption. You will be given an opportunity to provide comment on that report at that time. That report and any comments that you provide at that time will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please review the regulations, contact me, or the STB's Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 565-1545.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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STA 15753+50 = M.P. 862.14
BEGIN PROP. ABANDONMENT

AIR LINE HIGHWAY
PROPOSED 3,754.4 FT. (0.71 MILES)
TRACK ABANDONMENT

STA 15791+04.4 = M.P. 862.85
= 0+00 END PROP. ABANDONMENT

ABANDONED

SHREWSBURY

1.66 M.B.M.

EAST BRIDGE JUNCTION

ENRIEN

BOULEVARD

LEGEND

RED - TRACK ABANDONMENT

REVISIONS

EXHIBIT 1

LOUISIANA & ARKANSAS RY. CO.

PROPOSED ABANDONMENT
OF 0.71 MILES OF TRACK
IN JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

DRAWN BY	DATE	VAL. SEC.	SHEET NO.
W.A.S.	6/11/50	LRAN 1-H	1 OF 1
CHECKED BY	SCALE	FILE	DRAWING NO.
	1"=300'		992-67

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Send To Printer Back To TerraServer Change to 11x17 Print Size Show Grid Lines Change to Portrait

USGS Metairie, Louisiana, United States 01 Jul 1992

