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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423

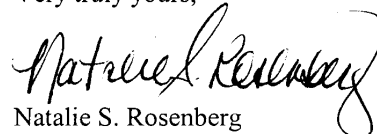


RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. Abandonment
Preston County, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Notice of Exemption filed on December 19, 2003, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Exemption was published on December 18, 2003 in *The Dominion Post* in Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Virginia.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

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PUBLISHER'S CERTIFICATE

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STB No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X)

Notice of Petition for Exemption to Abandon a Line of Railroad

CSX Transportation, Inc. hereby gives notice that on or about December 19, 2004, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10505 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903, et seq., permitting the abandonment of a portion of its line of railroad in the Central Region, known as its Allegheny Division, Kingwood Subdivision, extending from railroad Milepost BAJ 0.0 at Rowlesburg to railroad Milepost BAJ 14.3 near Albright in Preston County, West Virginia, a distance of 14.3 miles, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 26764, 26425, 26444, 26537, and 26519 Preston County, West Virginia. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 60 days after the filing of the petition for abandonment exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 30 days after the EA become available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested person may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling SEA at (202) 927-6211.

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, N.W., Washington, DC 20423 (See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a), and one copy must be served on applicant's representative (See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Service at (202) 565-1594. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative (Natalie S. Rosenberg, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202).

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF MONONGALIA

I, James Matuga, Advertising Manager of THE DOMINION POST, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Morgantown, County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the annexed
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was published in the said DOMINION POST once a week for 1 successive weeks, commencing on the 18th day of Dec. 20 03 and ending on the 18th day of 03 20.

I also certify that the same was duly posted on the 18th day of Dec. 20 03 at the front door of the Court House of said county, as provided by law.

The publisher's fee for said publication is \$ 55.77.

Given under my hand this 18th day of Dec. 20 03.

James Matuga (SEAL)
Advertising Manager of THE DOMINION POST

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Dec. 20 03.

Sandra K. Armstrong
Notary Public of Monongalia County, W. Va.

My commission expires on the 23rd day of November 20 09.

