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

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

Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision served June 20, 2003 in the above-captioned matter, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") approved the abandonment exemption petition filed by Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. ("P&L"), with respect to abandonment of approximately 5,780 feet of rail line located in the City of Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky, running from station number 17+55 (near Caldwell Street in Paducah) to station number 64+00 (near 6th Street in Paducah), extending on each side of railroad milepost 1 (the "Line"). The abandonment was subject to completion of the Section 106 process under the National Historic Preservation Act ("NHPA"). On March 16, 2004, the Board served an order denying a petition to reopen that had been filed by the sole shipper on the line. On March 17, 2004, the Board served an order reopening the June 20, 2003 decision and removing the historic preservation condition imposed therein as P&L had complied with its obligations under the NHPA.

Consistent with its obligations under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), P&L hereby notifies the Board that as of today's date, P&L has consummated its abandonment of the Line. Specifically, P&L has canceled its rates applicable to the Line, has advised the shipper of the cessation of service, has begun the process of removing the track, and intends that the Line be fully removed from the interstate rail network.

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This letter notice will be e-filed per the STB's website guidelines. By my signature below, I certify that a copy of this notice has been served today by first class mail, postage prepaid, on all parties of record to this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William A. Mullins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William A. Mullins

cc: J. Thomas Garrett
Parties of Record