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Wednesday, October 15 2003

RE: STB NO. AB-55 (SUB-NO.640) CSX TRANSPORTATION INC. – ABANDONMENT IN ATKINSON AND WARE COUNTIES, GEORGIA

PROTEST OF CLOSING OF CSX RAILLINE SPUR FROM MILEPOST AP 594.69 NEAR WARESBORO, GA TO MILEPOST AP 617.94 NEAR PEARSON, GA.

We wish to protest the proposed closing of the above described rail line by CSX Transportation for the following reasons:

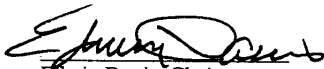
1. Loss of revenue and jobs
2. Loss of future expansion opportunities for our businesses in the area
3. Diminished ability of community to attract new businesses.

While at the current time there is little rail traffic due to the depressed economy in the region, as the economy improves we believe this traffic will increase.

As leaders of Atkinson County, and interest in the economy, we are greatly concerned about the effect this closing would have on the future economic development of this area. With no rail service to Pearson, the county seat of Atkinson County, our ability as an already poor and depressed community to attract new business will be greatly diminished. This will effect the economy of the area in a very negative way, as well as tax revenues and the growth of industry.

We respectfully ask that the closing of this line be denied and that options to keep this line open be pursued. Please feel free to contact us for any additional information

Sincerely,


Edwin Davis, Chairman

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON OCTOBER 15, 2003, I SERVED THE FOREGOING
DOCUMENT, PROTEST AGAINST STB NO. AB-55 (SUB- NO.640) CSX
TRANSPORTATION INC. – ABANDONMENT IN ATKINSON AND WARE
COUNTIES, GEORGIA (BETWEEN PEARSON AND WARESBORO), BY
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