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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34728
Marquette Rail, LLC –
Acquisition and Operation Exemption –
CSX Transportation, Inc.
Labor Notice Certification

Dear Secretary Williams:

Marquette Rail, LLC ("Marquette") hereby certifies that on July 26, 2005, the enclosed Notice was posted at CSXT's Customer Service Center and Dispatchers' Center in Jacksonville, and on July 27, 2005, the Notice was posted at the workplace of the employees on the rail line described in the notice. Marquette further certifies that it is serving by overnight delivery, a copy of this letter and the enclosed Notice on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on the rail line, as shown on the attached list.

Ten copies of this letter and Notice are enclosed for filing with the Board. Please time-stamp the enclosed extra copy of the letter and Notice and return them to me in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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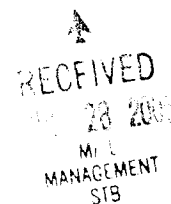
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Before the
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 34728

**MARQUETTE RAIL, LLC
– ACQUISITION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION –
CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.**



**NOTICE OF INTENT DIRECTED TO EMPLOYEES OF
CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.**

Pursuant to the regulations of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") at 49 CFR §1150.32(e), Marquette Rail, LLC. ("Marquette") hereby gives notice of its intent to acquire from CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSX"), rail lines between milepost CGE 3.6 at Grand Rapids, MI and milepost CGE 73.4 at Baldwin, MI; between milepost CB 107.0 at Baldwin, MI and milepost CB 136.5 at Ludington, MI; and between milepost CBA 87.0 at Walhalla, MI and milepost CBA 113.7 at Manistee, MI; and the Filer City Spur extending an additional 2.63 miles from CBA 113.7 at the Manistee station to the end of track at Filer City, MI; a total of 128.63 miles (sometimes collectively referred to as the "Line").¹ Marquette anticipates that the acquisition will be effective on or about September 30, 2005.

As a result of the transaction, Marquette preliminarily estimates that following jobs will be available when it begins freight service, at the starting annual rates of pay indicated, depending on the candidate's qualifications and experience (assuming full time employment):

<u>Jobs</u>	<u>No. of Positions</u>	<u>Starting Pay Range</u>
Transportation	11	\$32,000 - \$40,000
Maintenance of Equipment	2	\$27,000 - \$42,000
Maintenance of Way	4	\$27,000 - \$42,000
Customer Service Coordinator	1	\$32,000 - \$40,000

Employees will be provided with railroad retirement, medical insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, employee contribution 401(k), holidays, vacation and other benefits. Further, all employees will have the opportunity to participate in Marquette's Employee Stock Ownership Plan once they have satisfied the continuous employment eligibility criteria of the Plan.²

¹ Marquette will be purchasing the rail improvements comprising the Line, and leasing the underlying real property.

² It is currently anticipated that the employees who will work on the line will be in the employment of a corporate affiliate of Marquette which is in the process of being organized. This corporation will in turn be owned by an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. For the purposes of this notice, the employer and Marquette will be jointly referred to as "Marquette".

Marquette will hold a "town hall" meeting for those interested in employment opportunities, at 3:30 pm on Saturday, July 30, 2005, in the Campus Center Building - MBT Room, West Shore Community College, 3000 N. Stiles Rd. (northeast corner of Stiles Rd. and Sugar Grove Rd., 3 miles west of US 31 and 3.6 miles north of US 10), Scottville, MI 49454.

Marquette is an equal opportunity employer and a non-smoking workplace. Employees will be selected based upon their experience and suitability for the jobs that may be offered.³ Successful applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen, complete a medical questionnaire, and may be required to take a physical exam. All employees will be "at will."

Applications for employment should be made by sending a letter and resume stating the applicant's experience, providing references for any employment held during the last five years and any rail industry employment held at any time. The applicant must be available to start work by the 14th day before the commencement of operations. The letter should be submitted electronically to Team.Tryouts@MarquetteRail.com or sent by regular mail to Marquette Rail, LLC 4916 W. US 10, PMB 120, Ludington, MI 49431.

Dated: July 25, 2005

MARQUETTE RAIL, LLC

³ In accordance with its agreement with CSXT, Marquette will provide CSXT maintenance of way employees who have been working on the Line, priority consideration for employment for the maintenance of way positions.