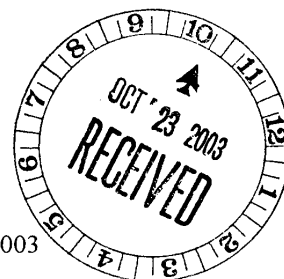


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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-314 (Sub-No. 2X) — Chicago, Central & Pacific
Railroad Company — Abandonment Exemption — In Linn County, IA

Dear Mr. Williams:

By decision served in the above-captioned proceeding on April 23, 2003, Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad Company ("CCP") has an exemption for the abandonment of its .65 mile segment of railroad extending from milepost ZA 228.45 to milepost ZA 229.1 in Linn County, Iowa. CCP's abandonment exemption became effective on October 22, 2003, when the NITU that was in place on the segment expired.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.60(e), CCP hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of the subject segment of railroad on October 23, 2003.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. An extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Barron, Jr.
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Pacific Railroad Company

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cc: Neil Volmer, Iowa DOT