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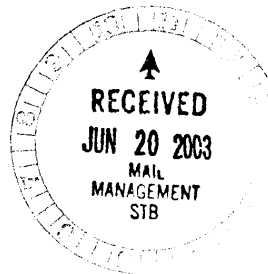
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-844X, Santa Maria Valley Railroad – proposed
abandonment of 4.87 miles of rail line – Santa Maria, California

NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION OF ABANDONMENT

Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 25, 2002, Santa Maria Valley Railroad ("SMVRR") filed a Notice of Exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F seeking authority to abandon approximately 4.87 miles of its rail line between Milepost 9.75 at College Drive and Milepost 14.62 at Gates Station, in the City of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, California (the "Subject Line"). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on November 14, 2002. The exemption was scheduled to become effective on December 14, 2002.

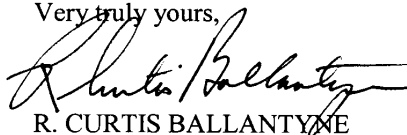
By petition filed on December 2, 2002, the City of Santa Maria ("City") filed a request for the imposition of a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 so that it could negotiate with SMVRR for the acquisition of the Subject Line for use as a recreational trail. By Decision decided on December 12, 2002, the Board granted the City's request and made the abandonment exemption "subject to the condition that SMVRR keep intact all of the right-of-way underlying the tracks, including bridges, trestles, culverts and tunnels (but not track, ties and signal equipment), for a period of 180 days from the December 14, 2002 effective date of the abandonment exemption (i.e., until **June 12, 2003**), to enable any state or local government agency or other interested person to negotiate the acquisition of the line for public use."

By letter dated May 1, 2003, the City notified the Board that it had made a determination not to proceed with any acquisition effort to acquire the Subject Line for public purposes. Furthermore, no other state or local government agency, or any other interested person has contacted SMVRR to negotiate for the acquisition of the Subject Line for public use.

Accordingly, and pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), SMVVR hereby notifies the Board that, as of June 16, 2003, SMVRR has consummated the abandonment, fully exercising the authority heretofore granted. A copy of this notice has been served upon the Executive Director of the California Public Utilities Commission.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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