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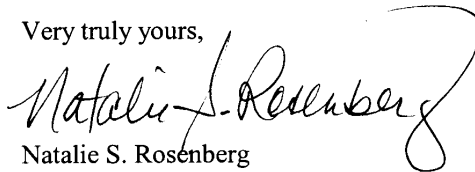
Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 613X)  
CSX Transportation, Inc.- Abandonment  
in Jefferson County, Alabama**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in Paragraph 7 of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Notice of Exemption filed on August 29, 2003, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Exemption to Abandon a Line of Railroad was published on August 28, 2003, in *The Birmingham News*, in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Very truly yours,



Natalie S. Rosenberg

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
TO ABANDON A LINE  
OF RAILROAD  
STB No. AB-55  
(Sub-No. 613X)  
CSX Transportation, Inc.  
hereby gives notice that on or  
about August 29, 2003, it in-  
tends to file with the Surface  
Transportation Board, Wash-  
ington, DC 20423, a notice of  
exemption under 49 U.S.C.  
10502 from the prior approval  
requirements of 49 U.S.C.  
10903, et seq., permitting the  
abandonment of a line of rail-  
road in the Southern Region,  
known as its Atlanta Division,  
Birmingham Mineral Subdivi-  
sion, Cain Creek and Banner  
Branches, extending from rail-  
road Milepost ONC 384.00 at  
Black Creek to railroad Mile-  
post ONJ 400.47 at West Jef-  
ferson in Jefferson County,  
Alabama, a distance of 16.47  
miles, which traverses through  
United States Postal Service  
ZIP Codes 35130, 35139 and  
35207. The proceeding has  
been docketed as No. AB-55  
(Sub-No. 613X).  
The Board's Section of Envi-  
ronmental Analysis (SEA) will  
generally prepare an Environ-  
mental Assessment (EA) which  
will normally be available 60  
days after the filing of the no-  
tice for abandonment exemp-  
tion. Comments on environ-  
mental and energy matters  
should be filed no later than 30  
days after the EA becomes  
available to the public and will  
be addressed in a Board deci-  
sion. Interested persons may  
obtain a copy of the EA or make  
inquiries regarding environ-  
mental matters by writing to  
SEA, Surface Transportation  
Board, Washington, DC 20423  
or by calling SEA at (202) 565-  
1526.  
Appropriate offers of finan-  
cial assistance to continue rail  
service can be filed with the  
Board. Requests for environ-  
mental conditions, public use  
conditions, or rail bank-  
ing/trails use also can be filed  
with the Board. An original and  
10 copies of any pleading that  
raises matters such as trails  
use, public use and offers of fi-  
nancial assistance must be  
filed directly with the Board's  
Office of the Secretary, 1925 K  
Street, N.W., Washington, DC  
20423 (See 49 CFR 1104.1(a)  
and 1104.3(a)), and one copy  
must be served on applicant's  
representative (See 49 CFR  
1104.12(a)). Questions re-  
garding offers of financial as-  
sistance, public use or trails  
use may be directed to the  
Board's Office of Congressional  
and Public Services at  
(202) 565-1594. Copies of any  
comments or requests for con-  
ditions should be served on the  
applicant's representative  
(Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel,  
CSX Transportation, Inc., 500  
Water Street, J-150, Jackson-  
ville, FL 32202).  
News/PH: August 28, 2003

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On this 3 day of Sept

A.D. Two Thousand , and Three, Eunice Spitzley  
declares that she is a bookkeeper of "The Birmingham  
News" and "The Birmingham Post-Herald" newspapers  
published in the City of Birmingham, in the City of  
Jefferson, in the State of Alabama, and that the  
advertisement, a true copy of which is herewith  
attached, appeared in "The Birmingham News" and/or  
"The Birmingham Post-Herald" on the following dates:

Aug 28, 2003  
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Eunice Spitzley  
Signed- Eunice Spitzley

State of Alabama  
County of Jefferson

On Sept 3, 2003, Eunice Spitzley  
personally appeared before me, who is personally known  
to me to be the signer of the above document, and she  
acknowledged that she signed it.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

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