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Lincoln Lumber Company, Petitioner and Applicant

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR ABANDONMENT

~~Lincoln Lumber Company~~ Abandonment Exception— in Lincoln, Lancaster County,
Nebraska (Class III Short Line Urban Infill Segment)

Petitioner, Lincoln Lumber Company (“**Petitioner**”), a Class III rail carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board (“**Board**”), hereby submits this Verified Notice of Exemption For Abandonment pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §10903 and 49 C.F.R. Part 1152 Subpart F seeking authority to abandon a one (1) block short segment of rail line located within the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

This filing is intentionally limited to a discrete urban infill block that no longer functions as an active transportation rail line segment and is surrounded by existing municipal street infrastructure and private redevelopment activity. The Petitioner further characterizes the Line as a short, terminal urban industrial stub serving no network continuity purpose, with both ends bounded by public streets and fully integrated into the City of Lincoln’s developed street grid, thereby distinguishing the segment from longer linear rail corridors typically associated with regional transportation preservation.

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE LINE

The rail line (“**Line**”) proposed for abandonment consists of an approximately one-block segment extending between:

- N. 23rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska; and
- Vacated N. 24th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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The segment is part of a Class III short line industrial track and totals approximately 2,061 linear feet (“Line”). The proposed abandonment segment is located at the east end of the Line. The Line is entirely located within Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska and lies within a fully urbanized area served by public utilities, paved streets, and adjacent commercial uses.

The line segment does not function as a through corridor, does not provide regional connectivity, and does not serve any active interchange purpose.

II. TRAFFIC HISTORY AND OPERATIONS

No local or overhead traffic has moved over the Line to serve Lincoln Lumber Company for a period exceeding two (2) years. The last known service occurred on or about 2005. No shippers currently rely upon the Line for common carrier rail service, and no requests for service are pending or reasonably anticipated.

Due to its short length, isolated configuration, and surrounding urban development, the Line cannot be economically reactivated for freight service without disproportionate reconstruction costs. The Petitioner further certifies that the segment constitutes isolated urban trackage that does not provide through service, bridge traffic, or network continuity and therefore functions solely as a terminal stub with no reasonable potential for restored common carrier operations. Abandonment of this limited segment will not adversely affect the Petitioner’s remaining system operations, regional freight mobility, or the adequacy of service to the shipping public.

III. JUSTIFICATION FOR ABANDONMENT

The Petitioner seeks abandonment authority because the segment is functionally dormant and no longer supports viable freight transportation. Engineering review indicates that continued maintenance or rehabilitation would require capital investment substantially exceeding any reasonable traffic projections.

The surrounding area of Lincoln has transitioned toward urban infill housing and compatible mixed-use redevelopment. Removal of unused rail infrastructure will eliminate a physical barrier between adjacent parcels and allow coordinated housing redevelopment consistent with local planning objectives, zoning approvals, and private investment initiatives.

The Petitioner anticipates that, following abandonment, the underlying segment may be assembled with adjacent properties and repurposed for residential or housing-supportive

uses through private market transactions, subject to market conditions and municipal approvals, and nothing herein shall be construed as an offer, dedication, or commitment of the segment for public use or public infrastructure purposes.

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORTS

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§1105.6 and 1105.8, the Petitioner has prepared and served an Environmental Report and Historic Report on appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. Given the limited one-block scope and existing urban character, no significant environmental impacts are anticipated beyond routine removal of rail materials.

V. NOTICE AND CERTIFICATION

Notice of this filing has been provided to:

- Vicki Kramer, Director
Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
1500 Nebraska Parkway
Lincoln, NE 68502
- Division Leader
Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
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555 South 10th Street
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- David Cary, Director
Planning and Development Services
555 S. 10th Street, Suite 203
Lincoln, NE 68508
- Elizabeth Elliott, Director
Transportation and Utilities
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

- Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross, Director
Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
3131 O Street, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68510

and

- Other parties entitled to notice under applicable regulations.

The Applicant owns the abutting properties located north and south of the segment. No active shippers exist on the Line, and therefore shipper notice requirements are satisfied through certification of nonuse.

VI. REDEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED CORRIDOR STATEMENT

The Petitioner states that the proposed abandonment will facilitate removal of obsolete rail infrastructure within a fully urbanized block and will reduce conflicts between inactive rail facilities and surrounding residential and commercial development patterns. The Petitioner expects that subsequent property transfers, if any, will occur through private transactions that support housing redevelopment and tax-generating land uses within the City of Lincoln.

This filing is not intended to create or preserve a linear recreational corridor. The Petitioner does not seek, request, or consent to interim or permanent trail use, railbanking conditions, or public recreational conversion. The limited length, urban setting, and redevelopment context make continued corridor preservation impractical and inconsistent with anticipated land use. The Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department, the City entity responsible for trail planning and operations, has recently stated that it does not seek to use the segment for trail purposes and that an existing trail to the south already provides adequate trail service to the area.

VII. LOCAL COORDINATION STATEMENT (LINCOLN-OPTIMIZED LANGUAGE)

The Petitioner has engaged in preliminary coordination with local stakeholders to ensure that abandonment of this isolated segment aligns with municipal redevelopment objectives and minimizes disruption to adjacent properties. Under the proposal, the Line

will terminate between an existing public street on the west end and a vacated street on the east end, thus, abandonment will not create transportation gaps or impede regional rail operations.

The Petitioner will cooperate with reasonable site-access coordination with the City of Lincoln, Nebraska during track removal to support safe transition of the block to future redevelopment activity, provided such coordination does not impose common carrier obligations following abandonment authority.

VIII. A NON-PRECEDENT AND NON-CORRIDOR PRESERVATION STATEMENT

The Petitioner states that the Line constitutes a short, isolated urban segment that does not function as part of a longer continuous transportation corridor. Approval of abandonment authority for this segment is intended to address only the specific block between N. 23rd Street and vacated N. 24th Street and shall not be interpreted as establishing precedent regarding any adjacent rail facilities or future corridor determinations.

Nothing in this filing is intended to preserve the rail line segment for future rail reactivation, linear corridor banking, or public right-of-way expansion. Following abandonment authority, any property disposition will occur as private real estate subject to applicable local land-use approvals, without ongoing federal transportation corridor status except as required by law.

IX. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board allow the abandonment exemption to become effective and authorize abandonment of the Line.

VERIFIED DECLARATION

I, Joanne Garnett, being first duly sworn upon oath, state as follows:

1. I am the Secretary of Lincoln Lumber Company and am authorized to submit this Verified Notice on behalf of the Petitioner.

2. I have reviewed the foregoing Verified Notice of Exemption for Abandonment and the statements contained therein.

3. The factual statements set forth in this filing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

4. This declaration is made pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska and is intended to satisfy verification requirements under applicable federal regulations governing filings before the Surface Transportation Board.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Lincoln Lumber Company, a Nebraska corporation,

By: Joanne Garnett
Joanne Garnett

Title: Secretary

Date: March 23, 2026

Seacrest & Kalkowski, PC, LLO

Attorney for Lincoln Lumber Company

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For the Firm

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Date: March 23, 2026

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: Traffic Certification (Two-Year Nonuse)

Exhibit B: Environmental Report

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EXHIBIT A: TRAFFIC CERTIFICATION (TWO-YEAR NONUSE)

TRAFFIC CERTIFICATION (TWO-YEAR NONUSE)

(49 C.F.R. §1152.50(b))

The undersigned hereby certifies that the rail line segment proposed for abandonment between North 23rd Street and vacated North 24th Street in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, has not carried local traffic for at least two (2) years.

The undersigned further certifies that no overhead traffic has moved over the line during the past two years.

The Applicant further certifies that no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service is pending before the Surface Transportation Board or in any United States District Court, and that no such complaint has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period preceding the filing of the Notice of Exemption.

This certification is made in accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50(b) governing abandonment exemptions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kent Seacrest
For the Firm

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Date: March 23, 2026

EXHIBIT B: ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Prepared Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1105.7

Proposed Abandonment

Rail Line Segment Between North 23rd Street and vacated North 24th Street
City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

Applicant: Lincoln Lumber Company
Attention: Joanne Garnett
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Lincoln, NE 68503

Attorney for Lincoln Lumber
Seacrest & Kalkowski, PC, LLO
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1. Description of the Proposed Action

The Applicant proposes to abandon approximately 0.07 miles of rail line segment located between North 23rd Street and vacated North 24th Street in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The segment consists of a short industrial spur formerly used for freight service to Lincoln Lumber Company. The track currently remains in place but has been inactive for several years and is no longer required for rail transportation purposes.

No new construction or expansion of rail facilities is proposed.

2. Purpose and Need for the Proposed Abandonment

The rail segment has not carried rail traffic for at least two years, and there are no active shippers served by the line.

The continued maintenance of the track infrastructure imposes costs without corresponding transportation benefits. Abandonment would allow removal of the rail infrastructure and potential redevelopment of the segment for residential and other lawful uses.

3. Description of the Affected Environment

Land Use

The surrounding area is urban and developed, consisting primarily of:

- industrial, commercial and residential uses
- transportation infrastructure

No agricultural land or undeveloped natural areas are present within the project limits.

Water Resources

There are no streams, rivers, wetlands, or floodplains located within the proposed abandonment segment.

The abandonment and removal of track materials are not expected to impact surface water resources.

Biological Resources

The rail line segment is located in a fully urbanized environment.

There is no suitable habitat for federally listed threatened or endangered species within the immediate project area.

The abandonment will not result in impacts to wildlife habitat.

Air Quality

Removal of the track and associated infrastructure may involve minor construction equipment usage. These activities will be short-term and minimal and will not result in significant air quality impacts.

Noise

Noise impacts will be temporary and minimal, limited to equipment used during track removal.

No long-term noise effects will occur.

Hazardous Materials

The railroad Line has historically been used for rail transportation.

If any contaminated soils or materials are encountered during removal activities, they will be handled and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations.

Energy Resources

The abandonment will reduce maintenance activities and therefore slightly reduce energy consumption associated with track maintenance.

4. Environmental Impacts

The proposed abandonment will result in minimal environmental impacts.

The primary physical change will be the removal of rail track materials, which is a common and routine activity following rail line abandonment.

No significant impacts are expected to:

- water resources
- wildlife habitat
- air quality
- land use.

5. Alternatives Considered

The only alternative considered was continued maintenance of the inactive rail line.

Because the segment has no active customers and no foreseeable rail traffic, this alternative would impose costs without providing transportation benefits.

6. Mitigation Measures

Standard railroad practices will be used to ensure that:

- ballast and track materials are properly removed
 - disturbed areas are stabilized
 - any hazardous materials encountered are managed appropriately.
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7. Agency Notification

Copies of this Environmental Report have been served on appropriate federal, state, and local agencies including:

- Jesse Bradley, Interim Director
Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment
245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68521
- Tim McCoy, Director
Nebraska Game and Parks
2200 North 33rd Street
Lincoln, NE 68503
- Vicki Kramer, Director
Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
1500 Nebraska Parkway
Lincoln, NE 68502
- Division Leader
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1500 Nebraska Parkway
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- Christa Yoakum, Chair
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
- David Cary, Director
Planning and Development Services
555 S. 10th Street, Suite 203
Lincoln, NE 68508
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Omaha District
Attn: District Engineer
1616 Capitol Ave., Suite 9000
Omaha, NE 68102
- US Department of Agriculture
Scott Davis, Director, Office of Property and Environmental Management
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Office of Corporate Communications
MS N73
7500 GEOINT Drive
Springfield, VA 22150-7500

EXHIBIT C: ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

(49 C.F.R. §1105.7)

I hereby certify that on this 23 day of March, 2026, a copy of the Environmental Report prepared in connection with the proposed abandonment of the rail line segment located between North 23rd Street and vacated North 24th Street in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, was served upon the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies in accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(c).

The Environmental Report was served upon the following agencies:

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1500 Nebraska Parkway
Lincoln, NE 68502
- Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Rail & Public Transit Division
Attn: Division Leader
1500 Nebraska Parkway
Lincoln, NE 68502
- Nebraska State Historical Society
Attn: Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office
1500 R Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

- Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
Attn: Christa Yoakum, Chair
- David Cary, Director
Planning and Development Services
555 S. 10th Street, Suite 203
Lincoln, NE 68508
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Omaha District
Attn: District Engineer
1616 Capitol Ave., Suite 9000
Omaha, NE 68102
- Jim Macy, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 7
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, KS 66219
- Catherine Sanders, Acting Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region VII
2323 Grand Blvd., Suite 900
Kansas City, MO 64108-2670
- US Department of Agriculture
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Washington, DC 20250
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Service was accomplished by U.S. Mail.

I further certify that the Environmental Report contains the information required by 49 C.F.R. §1105.7 and that the Applicant will cooperate fully with the Office of

Environmental Analysis of the Surface Transportation Board in any additional environmental review that may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for Lincoln Lumber Company

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EXHIBIT D: HISTORIC REPORT

HISTORIC REPORT

Prepared Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1105.8

Proposed Abandonment

Rail Line Segment Between North 23rd Street and vacated North 24th Street
Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

1. Description of the Rail Line

The rail line segment proposed for abandonment is approximately 0.07 miles in length and consists of a short spur track located between North 23rd Street and vacated North 24th Street in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The segment has historically served industrial rail operations.

2. Historic Review

A review of available historic resources indicates that:

- The rail line segment does not include structures more than 50 years old that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
 - No bridges, tunnels, or historic rail facilities are located within the segment.
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3. National Register of Historic Places

Based on preliminary review:

- The rail line segment itself does not appear eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
 - There are no known historic properties that would be affected by the abandonment.
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4. Consultation

Copies of this Historic Report have been provided to:

- Nebraska State Historical Society
Attn: Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office
1500 R Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
- David Cary, Director
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- appropriate local government agencies.

Consultation will continue if any historic resources are identified during the review process.

5. Conclusion

The proposed abandonment will not adversely affect historic properties.

If historic resources are discovered during track removal activities, appropriate consultation with the Nebraska SHPO will occur.

EXHIBIT E: HISTORIC CERTIFICATION

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Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT F: SYSTEM MAP

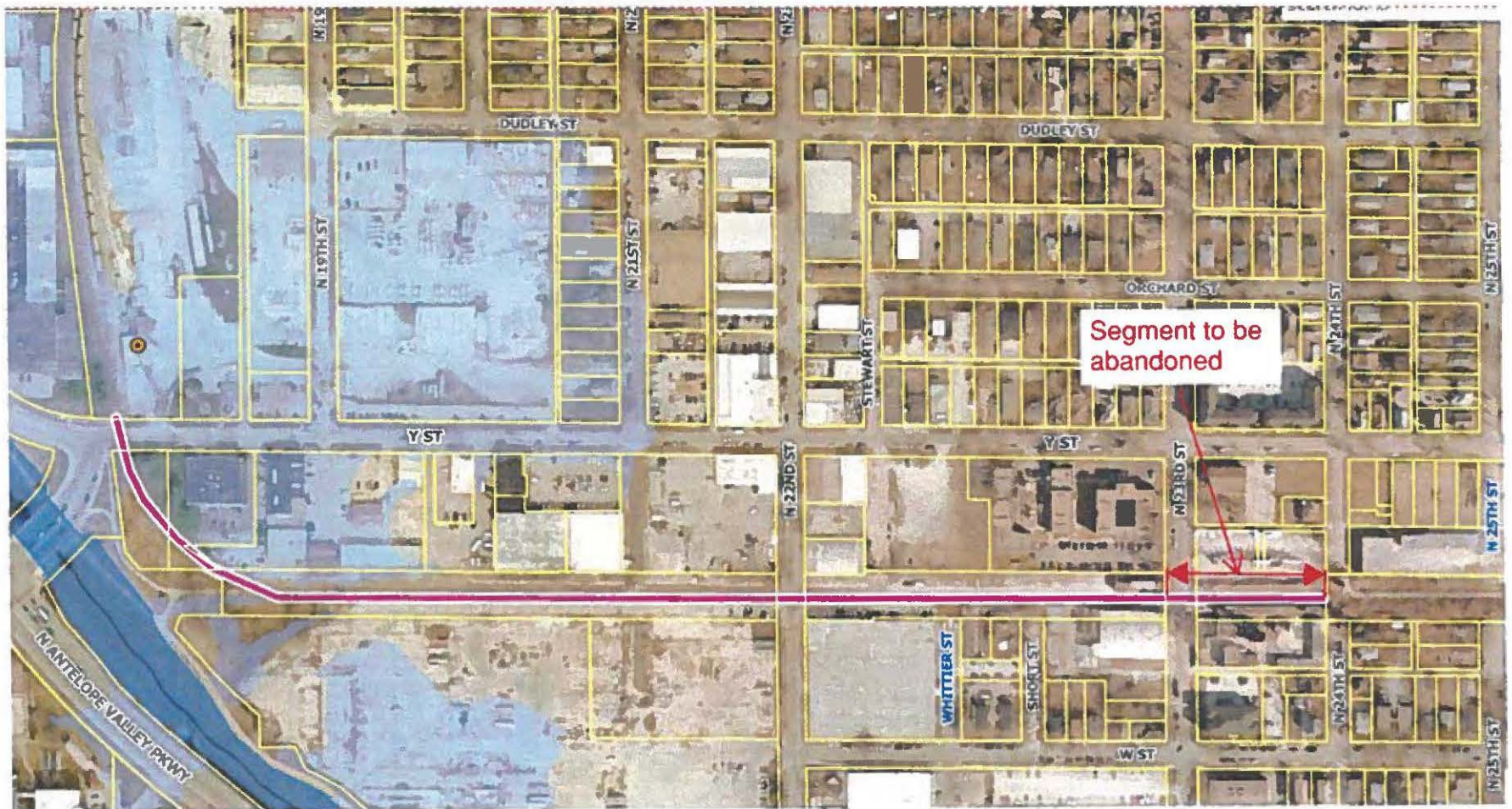


EXHIBIT G: DETAILED RAIL SEGMENT MAP

(N. 23rd Street to vacated N. 24th Street) Showing Proposed Abandonment Segment



EXHIBIT H: AGENCY NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RAIL LINE ABANDONMENT

Date: March 23, 2026

To:

US Department of Agriculture
Scott Davis, Director, Office of Property and Environmental Management
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
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RE: Notice of Proposed Abandonment of Rail Line

Between North 23rd Street and vacated North 24th Street
City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that Lincoln Lumber Company intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption for Abandonment pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.50 seeking authority to abandon a rail line segment located between North 23rd Street and vacated North 24th Street in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The rail line segment proposed for abandonment is approximately 0.07 miles in length and consists of a short industrial spur that has not carried rail traffic for at least two years.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §§1105.7 and 1105.8, copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report related to this proposed abandonment are being provided concurrently with this notice.

The Petitioner does not anticipate that the proposed abandonment will result in significant environmental or historic impacts. Nevertheless, the Petitioner will cooperate fully with any environmental or historic review conducted by the Surface Transportation Board.

If your agency has comments regarding potential environmental or historic impacts of the proposed abandonment, please submit them directly to the Surface Transportation Board referencing the docket number that will be assigned to the proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- **Environmental Report**
- **Historic Report**
- **Map of Proposed Abandonment Segment**

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ATTN: Public Affairs Office (Mail Stop D-10)
7500 GEOINT Drive
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- appropriate local government agencies.

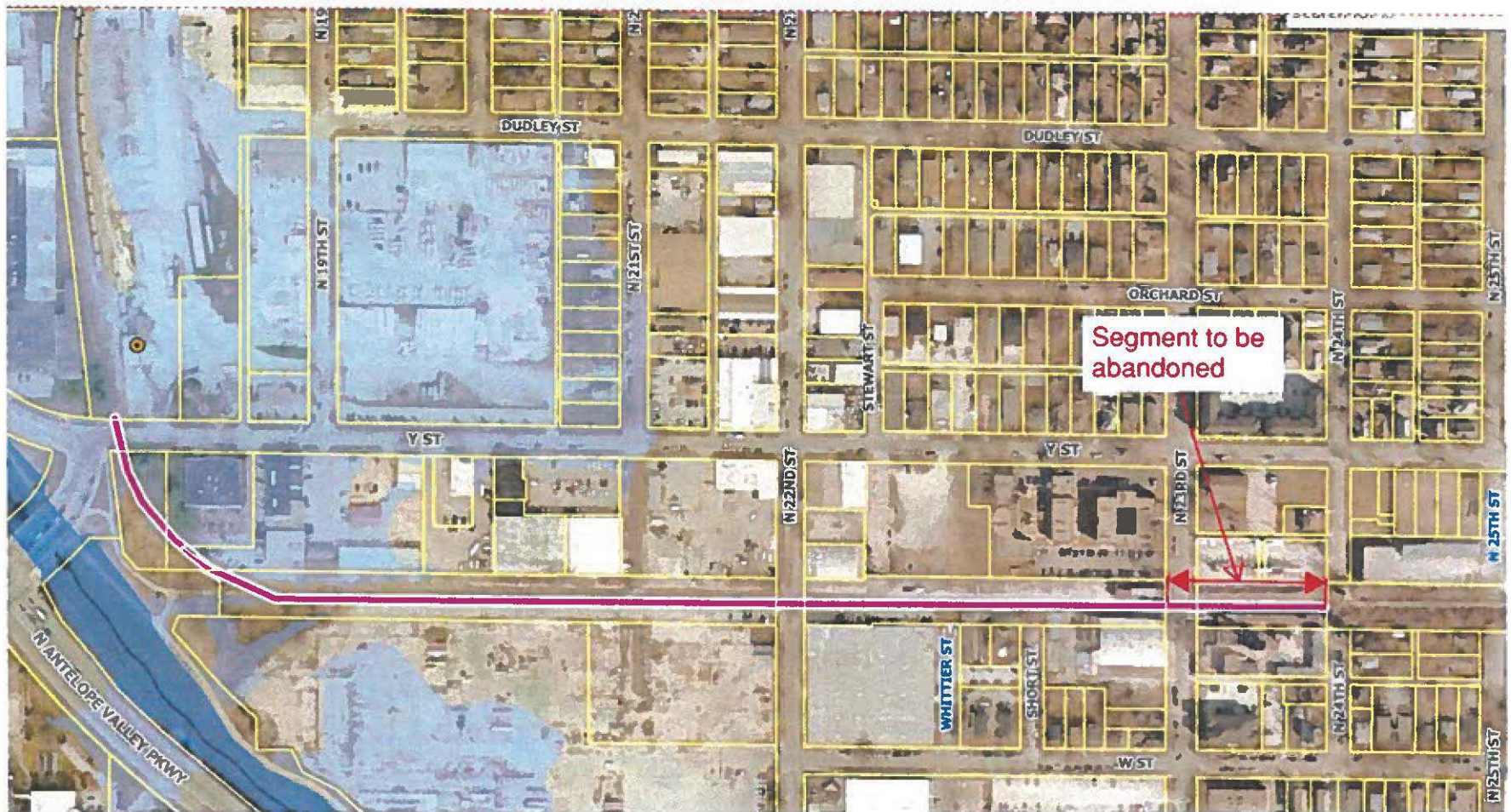
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SYSTEM MAP



DETAILED RAIL SEGMENT MAP

(N. 23rd Street to vacated N. 24th Street) Showing Proposed Abandonment Segment



EXHIBIT I: CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 23 day of March, 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of the Notice of Exemption for Abandonment, together with all accompanying documents including the Environmental Report, Historic Report, Traffic Certification, and Agency Notice, to be served upon the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and other parties required by the rules of the Surface Transportation Board.

Service was accomplished by U.S. Mail upon the following:

- Vicki Kramer, Director
Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
1500 Nebraska Parkway
Lincoln, NE 68502
- Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Rail & Public Transit Division
Attn: Division Leader
1500 Nebraska Parkway
Lincoln, NE 68502
- Jesse Bradley, Interim Director
Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment
245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68521
- Tim McCoy, Director
Nebraska Game and Parks
2200 North 33rd Street
Lincoln, NE 68503
- Nebraska State Historical Society
Attn: Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office
1500 R Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
- Christa Yoakum, Chair
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

- David Cary, Director
Historic Preservation Commission
Planning and Development Services
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
- Elizabeth Elliott, Director
Transportation and Utilities
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
- Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross, Director
Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
3131 O Street, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68510
- US Department of Agriculture
Scott Davis, Director, Office of Property and Environmental Management
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Office of Corporate Communications
MS N73
7500 GEOINT Drive
Springfield, VA 22150-7500
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Omaha District
Attn: District Engineer
1616 Capitol Ave., Suite 9000
Omaha, NE 68102
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 7
Attn: Jim Macy, Regional Administrator
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, KS 66219
- Catherine Sanders, Acting Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region VII
2323 Grand Blvd., Suite 900
Kansas City, MO 64108-2670

I further certify that copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report were served on the appropriate agencies in accordance with 49 C.F.R. §§1105.7 and 1105.8.

Respectfully submitted,

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Seacrest & Kalkowski, PC, LLO
Attorney for Lincoln Lumber Company

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Date: March 23, 2026

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QUITCLAIM DEED

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, successor in interest by merger to Union Pacific Railroad Company, a Utah corporation and Missouri Pacific Railroad Company ("Grantor") in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other valuable consideration to it duly paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby REMISE, RELEASE and forever QUITCLAIM unto LINCOLN LUMBER COMPANY, a Nebraska corporation, ("Grantee") whose address is P. O. Box 30373, Station A, Lincoln, Nebraska 68503 and unto its successors and assigns forever, all of Grantor's right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, both at law and in equity, of, in, and to the real estate (hereinafter the "Property") situated in Lincoln, Lancaster County, State of Nebraska, as more particularly described in Exhibit A, hereto attached and hereby made a part hereof.

TOGETHER with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Property unto the said Grantee and unto its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has caused this deed to be duly executed as of the 8th day of November, 2000.

Attest:

C. J. Meyer
Assistant Secretary

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

By [Signature]
Title: Assistant Vice President



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

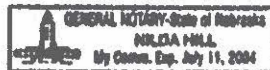
STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

On this 8th day of November, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared R. D. Ulrich and C. J. Meyer who are the Assistant Vice President and the Assistant Secretary, respectively, of Union Pacific Railroad Company, a Delaware corporation, and who are personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to in the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacities, and that by their signatures on the instrument the persons, or the entity upon behalf of which the persons acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Melba Lee
Notary Public

(Seal)



UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

EXHIBIT "A"

At 5 1/2 N 1/2 24-10-6

All that part of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, predecessor to Union Pacific Railroad Company main line track known as the Lincoln Branch situate in Section 24, Township 10 North, Range 6 East and Section 19, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the 6th Principal Meridian in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, lying between the West line of 24th Street and a line lying 84.0 feet easterly of the westerly line of Lots 6 and 7 in the Antelope Addition to the City of Lincoln according to the official recorded plat thereof and as referred to in the Deed recorded March 30, 1886 in Book 27 Page 559 and Deed recorded July 23, 1886 in Book 30 Page 99 Official Records Lancaster County, Nebraska, said westerly line of said Lots 6 and 7 also being the easterly line of 18th Street.

Together with that portion of Lot 6 in the Antelope Addition to the City of Lincoln according to the official recorded plat thereof described as follows:

Commencing at the point of intersection of the southwest corner of Lot 5 in said Antelope Addition and the east line of 18th Street as shown on said plat; thence easterly along the south line of said Lot 5 a distance of 64 feet more or less to a point being 15.0 feet southwesterly as measured concentric to the center line of track of an existing spur track, said point being the Point of Beginning. Thence continuing along the south line of said Lot 5 a distance of 20.0 feet more or less to a point being 84.0 feet east of said east line of 18th Street; thence southerly parallel to as measured at right angles and 84.0 feet east of said east line of 18th Street a distance of 11.17 feet more or less to a point being 15.0 feet southwesterly as measured concentric to the center line of track of an existing spur track; thence northwesterly along a line being 15.0 feet southwesterly as measured concentric to the center line of track of an existing spur track to the Point of Beginning.

Containing an area of 5.59 acres, more or less

Office of Real Estate
Omaha, Nebraska
July 24, 2000

Written by: JCO
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