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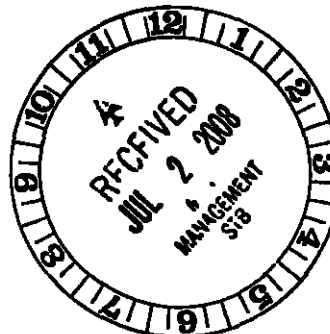
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July 1, 2008

Via Overnight Mail

Ms. Anne Quinlan
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Washington, DC 20424

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**Re: Docket No. AB-506 (Sub-No. 1X), Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company —
Abandonment Exemption — in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan**

Dear Ms. Quinlan,

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of the Verified Notice of Exemption of Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company dated July 1, 2008, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. I am also enclosing a check in the amount of \$3,700.00, representing the appropriate fee for this filing.

One extra copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed as well. Please date stamp this copy to show receipt and return it to me in the enclosed envelope

The Environmental and Historic Reports for this proceeding have already been filed with the Board. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for
Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company

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cc: Michigan Department of Transportation

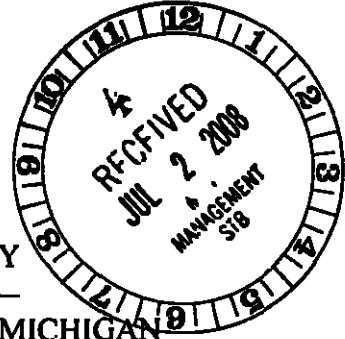
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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-506 (SUB-NO. 1X)



SAULT STE. MARIE BRIDGE COMPANY
— ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION —
IN IRON MOUNTAIN, DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
SAULT STE. MARIE BRIDGE COMPANY
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

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ATTORNEY FOR
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Dated: July 1, 2008

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- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION -
IN IRON MOUNTAIN, DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
SAULT STE. MARIE BRIDGE COMPANY
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company ("SSMB") hereby submits this Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, to abandon its line of railroad in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, referred to herein as the "Line" between milepost 29.60 and milepost 30.24, a distance of 0.64 miles.

In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2), SSMB submits the following information.

General Corporation Information: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1)-(2)

SSMB is a Class III common carrier by rail and a wholly owned subsidiary of Wisconsin Central Transportation Corporation. The complete name and address of SSMB is:

Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company
17641 S. Ashland Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430-1345

Relief Sought: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)

Pursuant to the Board's class exemption for the abandonment of out-of-service rail lines, codified at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, SSMB intends to abandon its line of railroad between Mileposts 29.60 and 30.24, a distance of approximately 0.64 miles in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan.

Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)

A map of the Line to be abandoned is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SSMB's Representative: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)

SSMB's representative to whom correspondence regarding this abandonment should be sent is:

Thomas J. Healey
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ZIP Codes Traversed: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8)

The portion of the Line to be abandoned traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code 49801.

Qualification for Class Exemption: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)

Per the certificate and verification attached hereto as Exhibit B, SSMB certifies that no local revenue traffic has moved over the portion of the Line to be abandoned for at least the last two years, there is no overhead traffic on the Line that would have to be rerouted over other lines, and no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the portion of the Line to be abandoned (or a state or local governmental entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service on the proposed abandonment is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant during the last two years.

Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

SSMB will not consummate the proposed abandonment any earlier than August 29, 2008.

Suitability for Other Public Purposes: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(e)(4)

SSMB does not believe that this portion of the Line would be suitable as a trail, as rail service continues on another portion of this track. SSMB also does not believe that the right-of-way would be of interest to the State or any other entity as a highway or mass transportation line or other similar public use because it sits in a developed urban area with a mature roadway system.

Labor Protection: 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(d)(2)

The level of labor protection applicable in rail line abandonment's is that established in *Oregon Short Line Co — Abandonment — Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Certificate of Compliance with Notice Requirements: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

A certificate that the notice of requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152(d)(1) and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Environmental and Historic Report: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8

An Environmental Report and Historic Report, prepared pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8, were already filed with the Surface Transportation Board in this proceeding.

If SSMB receives additional correspondence, it will forward copies to the STB.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Thomas J. Healey
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ATTORNEY FOR SAULT STE.
MARIE BRIDGE COMPANY

Dated: July 1, 2008

EXHIBIT B

DOCKET NO. AB-506 (SUB-NO. 1X)

**SAULT STE. MARIE BRIDGE COMPANY
— ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION —
IN DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

CERTIFICATE AND VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss
COUNTY OF COOK)

Robert M. Wedam, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

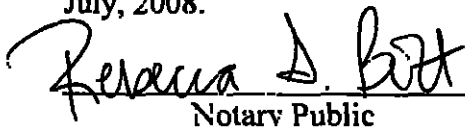
1. That no local traffic has moved over the line of Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company ("SSMB") from milepost 29 60 to 30 24, a distance of 0 64 miles in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, for at least two years, and that there is no overhead traffic to be rerouted over other lines; and
2. That no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the subject line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the last two years; and
3. That he has read the foregoing Notice of Exemption, knows the facts therein asserted, and that the same are true as stated.

Date, July 1, 2008



Robert M. Wedam
Senior Manager – Network Strategies
Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 1st day of
July, 2008.


Notary Public

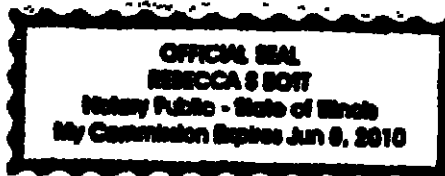


EXHIBIT C

CERTIFICATE

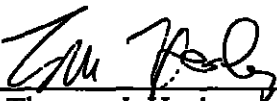
I, Thomas J. Healey, an attorney for Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company, hereby certify that, for the proceeding before the Surface Transportation Board known as Docket No. AB-506 (Sub-No. 1X). Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company — Abandonment Exemption — in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan:

(1) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) have been complied with, to-wit: On June 13, 2008, written notice was mailed to the: (a) Michigan Department of Transportation; (b) U.S. Department of Defense, MTMCTEA; (c) National Center for Recreation and Conservation; and (d) U.S. Department of Agriculture (copies of which are attached hereto as Attachments 1-4).

(2) The notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 have been complied with, to wit. On May 23, 2008, the Environmental Report and Historic Report for this proceeding, which reports have also been filed with the Surface Transportation Board, and the accompanying transmittal letters in the form set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 (a sample of which is attached hereto as Attachment 5) were served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties listed on Attachment 6, which list includes the state historic preservation officer, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) and § 1105.11.

EXHIBIT C

(3) A newspaper notice was published on April 19, 2008, in *The Daily News*, a newspaper of general circulation in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notice and Affidavit of Publication are attached to this Certificate as Attachment 7



Thomas J. Healey

Dated. July 1, 2008



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June 13, 2008

Mr Mike Premo, Manager
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Re. Docket No AB-506 (Sub-No 1X), Sault Ste Marie Bridge Company
Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County MI

Dear Sir/Madam

This is to inform you that pursuant to 49 C F R § 1152.50 (Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service and Trackage Rights), Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company shall on or after June 30, 2008, file a Notice of Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board for approval to abandon approximately 0.64 miles of railroad line between milepost 29.60 and milepost 30.24 in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan. Such line runs through U.S. Postal Zip Code 49801.

The exemption procedures set forth in § 1152.50 are being used in this case because no local traffic has moved over this line for at least two years and any potential overhead traffic on this line can be rerouted over other lines. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company

ATTACHMENT 1



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Mr. Thomas Ross, Division Chief
National Center for Recreation and Conservation
National Park Service
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Washington, D.C. 20420

Re Docket No. AB-506 (Sub-No. 1X). Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company
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Washington, DC 20250

Re. Docket No. AB-506 (Sub-No. 1X), Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company
Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, MI

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May 23, 2008

**Re: Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company Notice of Exemption for Abandonment –
Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan - Docket AB-506 (Sub-No. 1X)**

To Whom It May Concern:

Any time on or after June 30, 2008, Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company ("SSMB") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon a railroad line located between milepost 29.60 and milepost 30.24, a distance of 0.64 miles, in Dickinson County, Michigan. Enclosed is an Environmental Report and a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historical analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental and historic review process, please contact their Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), at the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, (202) 245-0245, and refer to the above docket number

SSMB will file the Environmental Report and Historic Report with the STB on or about June 30, 2008. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the STB (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historical impact of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at (708) 332-4381 or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Sault Ste Marie Bridge Company

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**Michigan Natural Resources Conservation Service
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Dickinson

Sault St Marie Bridge Company

Gayle Strutz being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is clerk
of THE DAILY NEWS, a newspaper printed, published, and circulated in the City of Iron Mountain
and the County of Dickinson, State of Michigan; that the annexed printed notice has been duly
published in said newspaper on the 19th day of April A.D. 2008, and the
succeeding publications on the following dates.

Signed

Gayle Strutz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of April A D 2008

Signed

Kristen D Erickson

Kristen D. Erickson
Notary Public for Dickinson County, MI
Acting in Dickinson County, MI

My Commission expires January 16, 2013

ATTACHMENT 7

**SAULT STE MARIE
BRIDGE COMPANY**

Give notice that on or
after May 10, 2008, it
may be bid with the
Sault Ste Marie
Board of Public Works
at the office of the
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