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From: Robert Wimbish
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 10:55 AM
To: 'travis.gibbons@ci.omaha.ne.us'
Subject: Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad - Rail Line Abandonment

Dear Mr. Gibbons –

I am contacting you at the behest of Mr. Mitch Paine of the Nebraska DNR. As you may be aware, my client, the Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company ("CCP") recent filed for federal authority to abandon a segment of its rail line extending between Council Bluffs, IA, and Omaha, NE. The subject line segment is located primarily upon a CCP-owned bridge spanning the Missouri River, but there are short, landed segments on either side of the bridge that are also included in the proposed abandonment currently pending approval by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board ("STB").

As background, CCP has long contemplated the abandonment of the subject rail line and removal of the Missouri River span. In fact, you may have been alerted to the proposed abandonment back in November of 2013 when CCP circulated its initial request for feedback on the abandonment and track/bridge salvage plans. (I see, for example, that you were copied on Mitch Paine's November 18, 2013 memo to a colleague of mine to whom this matter was originally assigned.)

In any event, at Mr. Paine's recent urging, I am contacting you directly, to determine whether Omaha would require a "floodplain development permit" in connection with the subject abandonment proposal. To assist you in this endeavor, I am supplying you with a link to the abandonment petition and the combined environmental and historic report, which have been posted as a single document to the STB's website as provided immediately below:

[http://www.stb.dot.gov/filings/all.nsf/ba7f93537688b8e5852573210004b318/92263b22358cb1d285257dd5006b917d/\\$FILE/237603.pdf](http://www.stb.dot.gov/filings/all.nsf/ba7f93537688b8e5852573210004b318/92263b22358cb1d285257dd5006b917d/$FILE/237603.pdf)

I am sending you the above link because our STB filing is quite sizeable, and we have encountered difficulty in emailing the document directly to most recipients due to the sheer file size.

I welcome your comments and feedback, and would be pleased to discuss the proposed abandonment and salvage plans with you at your convenience. Should you wish to call me to discuss, my contact information is provided immediately below.

- Rob

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