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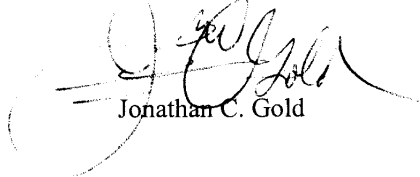
Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 646X)
CSX Transportation, Inc.- Abandonment
Exemption in Pinellas County, Florida**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Petition for Exemption filed on February 27, 2004 in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Petition for Exemption was published on February 26, 2004 in the *St. Petersburg Times* in St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida.

Sincerely,



Jonathan C. Gold

cc: Ms. Nikki Eskow (J200)
Ms. Stephanie Lemmon (J200)

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ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

Published Daily
St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida

STATE OF FLORIDA } S.S.
COUNTY OF PINELLAS }

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared C. Egan
who on oath says that he is Legal Clerk
of the St. Petersburg Times - Full Run Classified
a daily newspaper published at St. Petersburg, in Pinellas County, Florida: that the
attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice
in the matter RE: Notice of Petition for Exemption

was published in said newspaper in the issues of February 26, 2004

Affiant further says the said St. Petersburg Times - Full Run Classified
is a newspaper published at St. Petersburg, in said Pinellas County, Florida, and that the said
newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Pinellas County, Florida, each
day and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in St. Petersburg, in
said Pinellas County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of
the attached copy of advertisement, and affiant further says that he has neither paid nor
promised any person, firm, or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the
purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

C. Egan
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 26th day of
February A.D. 2004

Kathleen J. Klase
Notary Public

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Notice of Petition for Exemption to Abandon
a Line of Railroad
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 446X)

CSX Transportation, Inc. hereby gives notice that on or about February 27, 2004, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20006, a petition for 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 portion of its line of railroad in the Southern Region, known as its Jacksonville Division, Clearwater Subdivision, extending from Milepost SY 893.80 to Milepost SY 895.65, a total distance of 1.85 miles, which traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Codes 33712 and 33705 in Pinellas County, Florida. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 446X). The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 60 days after the filing of the petition for abandonment exemption. Comments on environmental 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 decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20006 or by calling SEA at (202) 565-1526. Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than assistance must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006 [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 regarding offers of financial assistance, 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 conditions should be served on the applicant's representative (Jonathan C. Gold, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202). (1000976360) 2/24/04

