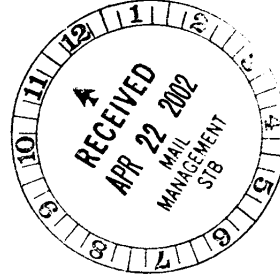




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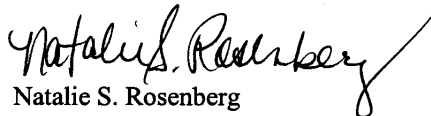
Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 9X) 205276
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 611X) 205277
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment
CSX Transportation, Inc. - Discontinuance of Service
In Allen County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of the Publisher's Affidavit referred to in Paragraph 7 of New York Central Lines, LLC and CSX Transportation, Inc.'s Notice of Exemption filed on April 12, 2002, in the above-captioned matter. As you can see from the Affidavit, the Notice of Exemption was published on April 12, 2002, in *The Lima News* in Lima, Allen County, Ohio.

Very truly yours,


Natalie S. Rosenberg

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Notice of Exemption to
Discontinue a Line of
Railroad

New York Central Lines, LLC and CSX Transportation, Inc. hereby give notice that on or about April 12, 2002, they intend to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments, permitting the discontinuance of service of a portion of a line of railroad in the Western Region, known as the Detroit and Great Lakes Divisions, Fort Wayne Subdivision, extending from railroad Milepost QFL 51.0 to railroad Milepost QFL 51.9 in Lima, Allen County, Ohio, a distance of 0.9 miles, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Code 45804 in Lima, Allen County, Ohio. The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 9X) and No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 611X).

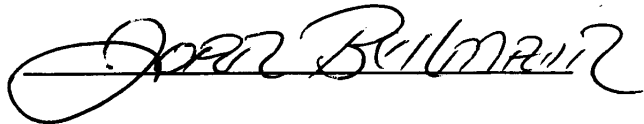
The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice for discontinuance exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the 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 20423 or by calling SEA at (202) 927-6211.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use and offers of financial 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 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 applicants' representative (Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, FL 32202).

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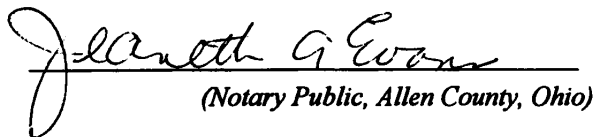
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bookkeeper of The Lima News, publishers of THE LIMA NEWS, a newspaper printed in said county, and of general circulation throughout said County and State; and that said newspaper had a bona fide circulation of more than twenty-five thousand at the time of this advertisement, notice or proclamation was published; that the notice, of which the annexed is a true copy, was for _____ consecutive weeks published in said newspapers, beginning on the 12th day of April A.D. 2002



Sworn to before me and subscribed before me this 12th day

April A.D. 2002


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