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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 779X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Trumbull County, OH**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On or about May 10, 2018, we expect to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Verified Notice of Exemption for Verified Notice of Exemption for CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") to abandon and discontinue service over an approximately 13.9-mile rail line on its Newton Falls Subdivision, between railroad milepost BGA 86.1 and railroad milepost BGA 100.00, all in Trumbull County, OH.

Enclosed for electronic filing is the Combined Environmental and Historic Report ("CEHR") which describes the proposed action and any expected environmental and/or historical effects, as well as maps of the affected area. A draft CEHR was mailed vial first class mail to the parties required under 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 and under 49 C.F.R. 1105.8(c) on April 20, 2018.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
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Enclosure

COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT (“CEHR”)
(49 C.F.R. 1105.7 and 1105.8)

Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 779X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN TRUMBULL COUNTY, OH

Dated: May 10, 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

(1) Proposed Action and Alternatives. Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSX Transportation, Inc., (“CSXT”) proposes to abandon the approximately 13.9-mile rail line on its Newton Falls Subdivision, between milepost BGA 86.1 and railroad milepost BGA 100.0, in Trumbull County, OH (the “Line”). The Line runs through U.S. Postal Zip Codes 44430, 44444, 44446, 44483, 44484 and 44485.

Abandonment of the Line will result in the removal of the rail, crossties, and possibly the upper layer of ballast. CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub grade or sub grade structures. Any trail related structures, such as bridges, trestles, culverts and tunnels will not be salvaged. Finally, the operations and maintenance of the Line will cease.

The only alternative to a full abandonment would be for CSXT not to abandon the Line.

A map of the proposed abandonment is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

(2) Transportation System. Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no passenger traffic on the Line to be diverted to other modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no freight traffic on the Line to be diverted to motor carrier. The proposed abandonment should have no adverse effects on regional or local highway systems and traffic patterns.

(3) Land Use. (i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies. (ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land. (iii) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9. (iv) If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 and explain why.

(i) CSXT considers the proposed abandonment of the Line to be consistent with existing land use plans. CSXT notified Trumbull County, OH by letter dated April 20, 2018 (See Exhibit 2) requesting comments and included a copy of this preliminary CEHR. A copy of the Preliminary CEHR has also been mailed to the appropriate local and state agencies for their information and further comment. No comments have been received as of this date.

(ii) CSXT does not believe that there is any prime agricultural land that will be affected. CSXT notified the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) Natural Resources Conservation Service (the agency succeeding to the responsibilities of the Soil Conservation Service) of the proposed abandonment by letter dated April 20, 2018 (See Exhibit 2) requesting comments and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(iii) The Line does not pass through a designated coastal zone.

(iv) CSXT believes the Line would be suitable for interim trail use/rail banking.

(4) Energy. (i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources. (ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities. (iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency

and explain why. (iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

(i) The proposed abandonment will have no effect on the ability to transport energy resources.

(ii) The proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of recyclable commodities.

(iii) The proposed abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

(iv) The proposed abandonment will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads a year; or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the line segments of rail traffic to motor carriage.

(5) Air. (i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) An increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions. For a proposal under 49 U.S.C. § 10901 (or § 10505) to construct a new line or reinstitute service over a previously abandoned line, only the eight train a day provision in sub-section (5)(i)(A) will apply. (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line; (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity); or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan. However, for a rail construction under 49 U.S.C. § 10901 (or 49 U.S.C. § 10505), or a case involving the reinstitution of service over a previously abandoned line, only the three train a day threshold in this item shall apply. (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not result in meeting or exceeding the specified thresholds.

(ii) The proposed abandonment will not result in meeting or exceeding the specified thresholds.

(iii) The proposed abandonment will not affect the transportation of ozone depleting materials.

(6) Noise. If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more; or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

Not applicable.

(7) Safety. (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings). (ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials. (iii) If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.

(i) The proposed abandonment will have no detrimental effects on public health and safety.

(ii) The proposed abandonment will not affect the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) CSXT is not aware of any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the Line.

(8) Biological Resources. (i) Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects. (ii) State whether

wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

(i) CSXT does not believe that the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat. CSXT notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“USF&W”) of the proposed abandonment by letter dated April 20, 2018 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in determining whether the proposed abandonment will adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. By email sent May 9, 2018, USF&W states that it does not anticipate adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, proposed or candidate species.

(ii) CSXT does not believe any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests would be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment.

CSXT notified the National Parks Service of the proposed abandonment by letter dated April 20, 2018 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying any potential effects on wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(9) Water. (i) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies. (ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects. (iii) State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342) are required for the proposed action.

(i) CSXT is confident that the proposed abandonment will be consistent with applicable water quality standards. CSXT notified the State Environmental Protection Agency (“SEPA”), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”) by letters dated April 20, 2018 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying any potential effects on water quality

standards and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(ii) CSXT believes that no permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act are required for the proposed abandonment and that no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected by the proposed abandonment. Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right-of-way for access. No new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and does not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. CSXT will transport crossties and/or other debris away from the Line and will not discard them along the right-of-way or place or leave them in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Based upon this course of action, CSXT does not believe a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

CSXT notified the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by letter dated April 20, 2018 (See Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act are required for the proposed abandonment and that no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected by the proposed abandonment water quality standards and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(iii) CSXT believes that no permit under section 402 of the Clean Water Act would be required for the abandonment. CSXT notified the SEPA and the USEPA by letter dated April 20, 2018 (*See* Exhibit 2) requesting assistance in identifying whether permit under section 402 of the Clean Water Act would be required for the abandonment and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

(10) Proposed Mitigation. Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

CSXT does not expect any adverse environmental impact from the proposed abandonment and, therefore, sees no need for any mitigating actions. CSXT will, of course, adhere to any remedial actions required by the Board.

HISTORIC REPORT

1. A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action;

U.S. Geological Survey Maps have been supplied to the State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (*See Exhibit 3*) along with a copy of the preliminary CEHR.

2. A written description of the right of way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristics of the surrounding area;

The right of way width along this right of way is approximately 65 feet. The Line begins east of Route 169. Going northwest, the Line crosses Route 169. Continuing in a northwestern direction the line crosses Deforest Rd SE. It then crosses Burton St. SE. Continuing north the Line passes McBride Park. The Line turns west and crosses Pine Ave SE< S Park Ave, and Main Ave SW. The line then crosses the Mahoning River in Warren. The Line runs parallel to South Ave SW/ W. Market St crossing Highland Ave SW and Tod Ave NW. The Line continues to run west, following W Market St. Prior to Interstate 5 the Line turns south crossing Burnett Street. Continuing south west the Line crosses center road and begins to follow Warren Ravenna Road. Continuing south west the Line crosses under the Ohio Turnpike. The Line crosses over Warren Rd. and end at the connection with the CSXT mainline, prior to crossing the Mahoning River in Newton Falls.

3. Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area;

There are four bridges or structures on the property that are 50 years old or older.

4. The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known;

Bridge BGA 90.00 is an open deck, through plate girder with a steal superstructure and stone abutments. It was built in 1924.

Bridge BGA 90.70 is an open deck, deck plate girder with a steal superstructure and stone abutments that crosses the Mohoning River in Warren. It was built in 1901.

Bridge BGA 91.41. is an open deck, deck beam with steal superstructure and timer end driven bent that crosses Hoyt Run in Warren. It was built in 1901.

Bridge BGA 93.80 is standard track section, arch superstructure with stone abutment that crosses Duck Creek in Levetttsburg. It was built in 1901.

5. A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action;

On November 1, 1980, Seabord Coast Line Industries Inc. and Chessie System Inc. merged and became CSX Corporation. On April 30, 1987, the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company was merged into the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company was merged into CSX Transportation on September 2, 1987.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, Applicant's operations and maintenance over this line will cease.

6. A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic;

CSXT possesses valuation maps and track charts of the Line, but is not aware of any other documentation in its possession.

7. An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities);

CSXT believes that the bridges on the Line are not unusual or noteworthy for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. It is also CSXT's opinion that there are no archeological resources or other railroad related historic properties in the project area.

Moreover, since CSXT is agreeable to trail use, CSXT does not plan to alter, remove or dispose

of any of the bridges that are on the Line.

8. A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or manmade) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic waste), and the surrounding terrain.

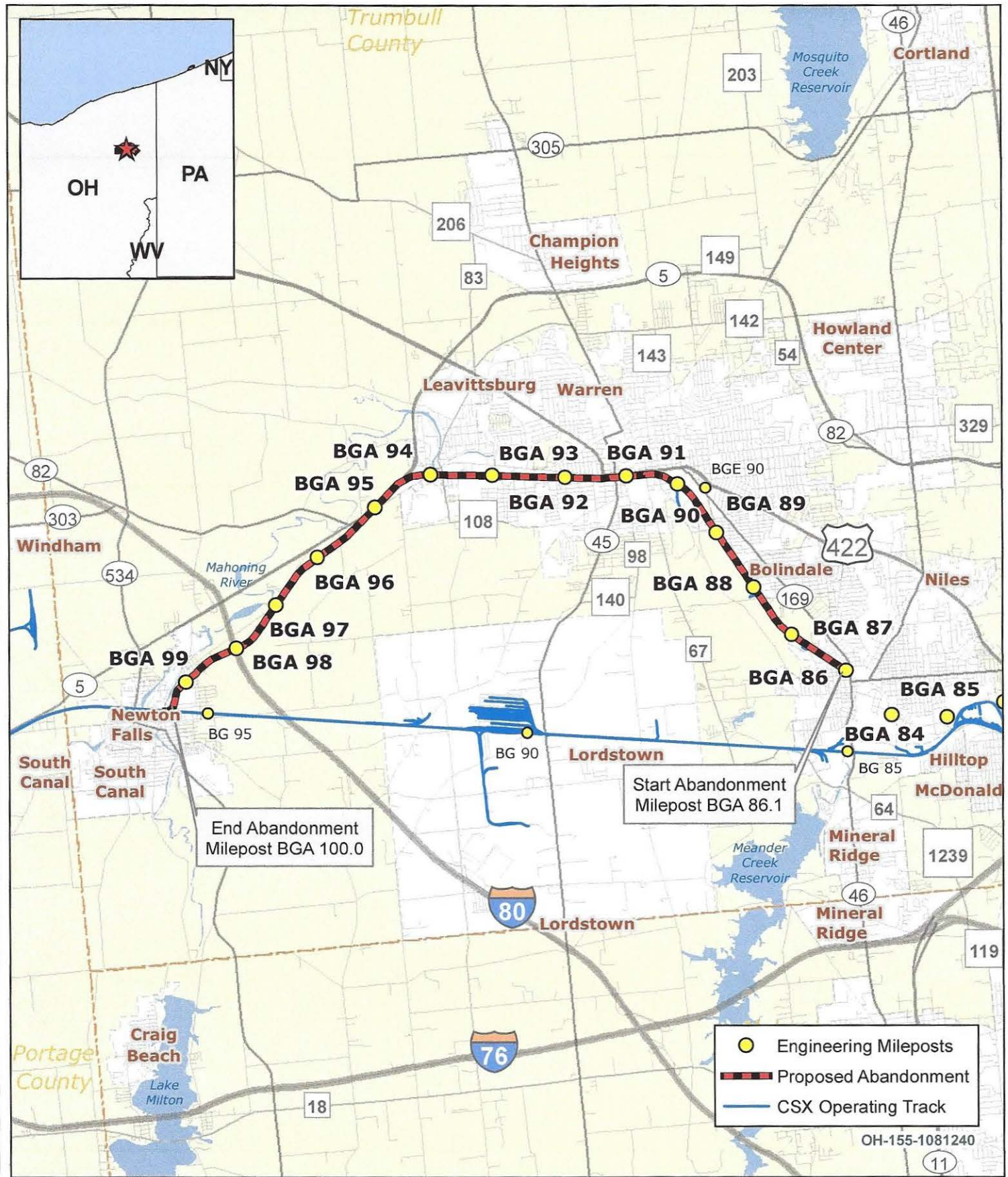
The Line was disturbed during construction by cuts and fill and any archeological resources that may have been located in the proposed project area would have been affected at that time versus during the proposed salvage operations associated with rail removal. Our records do not indicate that any swampy conditions exist, or that any hazardous material spills have occurred within the project area.

9. Within 30 days of receipt of the historic report, the State Historic Preservation Officer may request the following additional information regarding specific non railroad owned properties or groups of properties immediately adjacent to the railroad right-of-way: photographs of specified properties that can be readily seen from the railroad right-of-way (or other public rights-of-way adjacent to the property) and a written description of any previously discovered archeological sites, identifying the location and type of the site (*i.e.* prehistoric or native American).

CSXT does not foresee the likelihood that any additional information will need to be supplied in association with the proposed abandonment other than that information previously submitted. But, if any additional information is requested, CSXT will promptly supply the necessary information.

CSXT notified the Ohio History Connection by letter dated April 20, 2018 (*See Exhibit 2*) requesting assistance to determine whether there are any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties and included a copy of the preliminary CEHR. No comments have been received to date.

EXHIBIT 1 – MAP



CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Trumbull County, OH

Milepost BGA 86.1 to BGA 100.0
 Total Distance of approx. 13.9 Miles
 Great Lakes Division - Newton Falls Subdivision
 STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 779X)

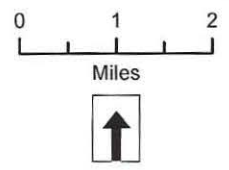


EXHIBIT 2 – LETTERS (WITHOUT MAPS)



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Manager Joint Facilities

April 20, 2018

Trumbull County Commissioners
160 High Street NW #5
Warren, OH 44481

Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 779X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Trumbull County, OH

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This action requires Board environmental and historic review under 49 C.F.R. 1105.6(b)(2). A portion of CSXT’s Combined Environmental and Historic Report (CEHR) must be:

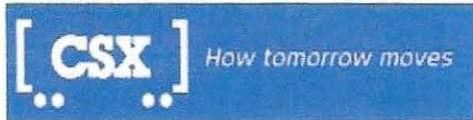
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Also enclosed is the distribution list of all parties who have been requested to comment on the CEHR. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Gene Payne (only)
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City of Warren
Mayor William D. Franklin
391 Mahoning Ave, N.W.
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Newtown Falls
Jack Haney
City Manager
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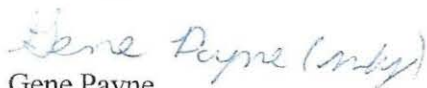
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The City of Niles
Mayor Thomas Scarnecchia
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Niles, Ohio, 44446

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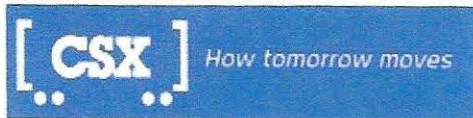
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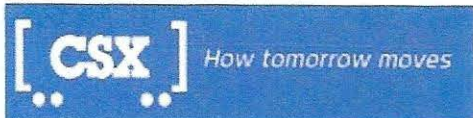
This action requires Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 (e)(9) (i) and (iii) require that CSXT develop a response to the following statements:

(i) *“Based on consultation with State Water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.”*

(iii) *“State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1342 are required for the proposed action.”*

There are no refueling or maintenance areas within the project area. The removal of CSXT’s rail material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. During track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any watercourses.

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate receiving your concurrence with its position that the proposed project is consistent with applicable Federal, State



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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 779X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Trumbull County, OH

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There are no refueling or maintenance areas within the project area. The removal of CSXT's rail material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. During track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any watercourses.

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Department of Natural Resources
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Melanie Yasbin

From: Payne, Gene <Floyd_Payne@CSX.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Melanie Yasbin
Subject: FW: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 779X), Abandonment - Trumbull County, Ohio

Good Morning Melanie,

Below is the response from the ODNR concerning abandonment 779X.

Thank you,
Gene

From: Steve.Holland@dnr.state.oh.us [mailto:Steve.Holland@dnr.state.oh.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 10:07 AM
To: Payne, Gene <Floyd_Payne@CSX.com>
Cc: sarah.tebbe@dnr.state.oh.us
Subject: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 779X), Abandonment - Trumbull County, Ohio

Hello Mr. Payne,

This email regards the above-referenced document received by the ODNR Office of Coastal Management on April 30, 2018. The proposed abandonment is not located with Ohio's designated coastal zone or in the Lake Erie watershed. Accordingly, a Federal Consistency review under the Coastal Zone Management Act is not required.

If you would like to receive environmental review comments including endangered species information, please see "What to Submit for an Environmental Review" at http://secure-web.cisco.com/11vsVIM4mM8qKfUr4O3pbZYxHU9U_KzANK0VJvbkkB4fwinLEz0Ob0BIKKUBOH1IT2qtxegMHcJUP29OYGIEak8-H8G1krOpv151vledk3dXBHbFE9a-wHJIM4Zie1SI_kc0Y6YRNTuT2eO5paLwv-ZdL6NIYgXvkgUGIYmxDI6LTCdes5PuIMRrNY-OrBxWEs7wZYpgZxsx1zr_tpkDkdFqrsuEoyqQA0CBMznWIZvIZ8722svIMJUi-3pkCdEI0OmcoVWPqgsu_JC9P5MGEIfMKco6zg7KGs_IgZVcRKHF0AMbtp27f_qgPNKY2v2yq-qKrU8NinyB97Mlj1Jz2mmERb2U6NGRXVJslG6WLKqYDsVBeRZ8Cgh1l-A9imzq/http%3A%2F%2Frealstate.ohiodnr.gov%2Fenvironmental-review. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for forwarding this information to me.

Steve

Steve Holland, MPA

Federal Consistency Administrator | Ohio Coastal Management Program

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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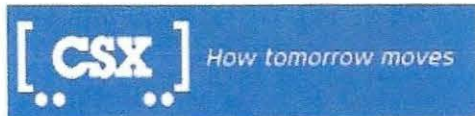
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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Commission
Midwestern Region
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Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 779X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
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- (i) Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.*
- (ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.*

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact to any federally-listed endangered or threatened species, critical habitats, wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks, or forests.

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Melanie Yasbin

From: Payne, Gene <Floyd_Payne@CSX.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2018 9:04 PM
To: Melanie Yasbin
Subject: FW: Abandonment of 13 Mile Rail Line, STB Docket AB-55 (779X), Trumbull Co.

Good Evening Melanie,

Below is the US Fish and Wildlife response to the 779X Abandonment.

Thank you,
Gene

From: susan_zimmermann@fws.gov [mailto:susan_zimmermann@fws.gov] **On Behalf Of** Ohio, FW3
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 8:41 AM
To: Payne, Gene <Floyd_Payne@CSX.com>
Subject: Abandonment of 13 Mile Rail Line, STB Docket AB-55 (779X), Trumbull Co.



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TAILS# 03E15000-2018-TA-1205

Dear Mr. Payne,

We have received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. There are no Federal wilderness areas, wildlife refuges or designated critical habitat within the vicinity of the project area.

FEDERALLY LISTED, PROPOSED, AND CANDIDATE SPECIES COMMENTS: Due to the project, type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species. Should the project design change, or during the term of this action, additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat become available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should be initiated to assess any potential impacts.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or ohio@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

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Field Supervisor



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National Park Service
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Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact on wetlands or 100-year flood plains, and that no permits under Section 404 will be required.

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National Geodetic Survey Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov

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Please advise if any of the land contiguous to CSXT’s line in the project area is classified as prime agriculture land.

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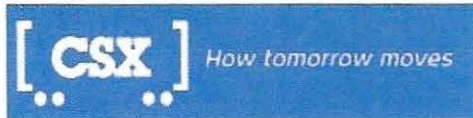
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In connection with rail line that is the subject of an application for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a preliminary Combined Environmental and Historic Report (“CEHR”) covering the above-proposed abandonment.

We would appreciate receiving a letter from your office confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources. Any questions can be sent electronically to Floyd_Payne@CSX.com by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

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EXHIBIT 3 – USGS MAPS

EXHIBIT 4 – PHOTOGRAPHS

Bridge BGA 93.80



Bridge BGA 90.00



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Bridge BGA 91.41

