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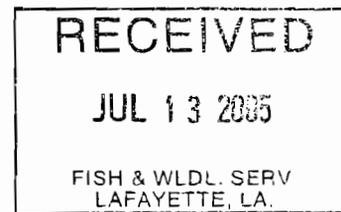
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RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption -
 Line In Springhill, Webster Parish, La
 STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X)*

Dear Sir or Madame:

On or about July 22, 2005, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, Subpart F, seeking to abandon 1.12 miles of railroad track located in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 48.48 (approximately 200 feet south of Vine Street) to milepost 49.60 (slightly south of Gaisser Street)(the "Line"). The Line traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 71075. Enclosed is an Environmental and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic 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 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 review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 565-1545 and refer to STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X).

Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the SEA (at the address provided in the above paragraph) along with a copy to KCSR's representative (at the address provided in the paragraph below) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action.

