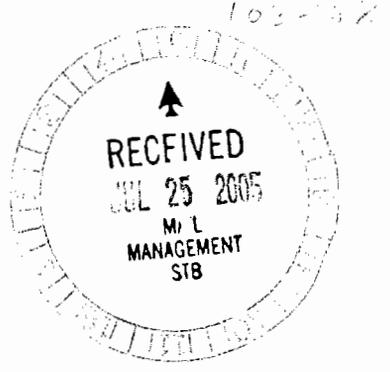


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**HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Victoria Rutson  
Director, Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 18X)  
*The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption*  
*-- Line In Winn Parish, LA*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Today, we are sending the attached Environmental and Historic Report to the relevant consulting agencies<sup>1</sup> regarding The Kansas City Southern Railway Company's ("KCSR's") intention to file, on or about August 15, 2005, a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, Subpart F, seeking to abandon 3.16 miles of railroad track located near Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 144.64 to milepost 147.80 (the "Line"). The Line runs through United States Postal Zip Code 71483. As noted and for your records, we have enclosed, as Exhibit B, a copy of the Environmental and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, including maps of the affected area.

If any of the information in the Environmental and Historic Report was misleading or incorrect, if pertinent information was missing, or if any of the consulting agencies had questions about the STB's environmental review process, we have asked the consulting agencies to respond in writing within three weeks to your office and to me as KCSR's legal counsel.

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<sup>1</sup> Copies of the letters that KCS sent to the relevant consulting agencies with the Environmental and Historic Report are attached as Exhibit A. A copy of the Environmental and Historic Report that has been sent to each consulting agency, and that is today being filed with your office, is attached as Exhibit B.

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Ms. Victoria Rutson

July 25, 2005

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If you have any questions concerning this proposed abandonment, please contact me at (202) 663-7823.

Sincerely,

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William A. Mullins

Enclosures

**BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
WASHINGTON, DC**

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**STB DOCKET NO. AB-103  
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**THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY  
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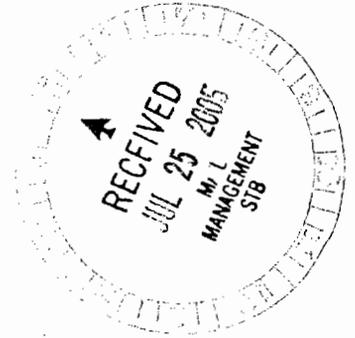
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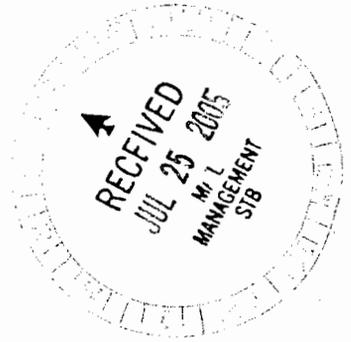
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RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption --  
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Henry H. Black  
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RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption --  
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July 25, 2005  
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Deano Thornton, Mayor  
City of Winnfield  
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RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption -  
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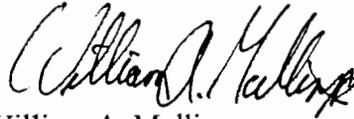
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Karen Carlton  
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Region 4  
Century Center  
1875 Century Boulevard  
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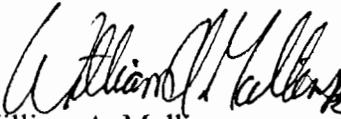
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The National Center for Recreation and Conservation  
c/o The National Park Service  
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1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Louisiana Public Service Commission  
Galvez Building, 12th Floor  
602 North Fifth Street  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9154

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Attn: MTT-SA  
Bob Korpathy  
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Newport News, VA 23606

RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption --  
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Bob Korpathy  
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**EXHIBIT B – ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORT**



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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

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- (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.**

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") seeks to abandon approximately 3.16 miles of rail line located near Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 144.64 to milepost 147.80 (the "Line"). A map that delineates the proposed project is attached as Environmental Report Exhibit 1.

The Line does not currently serve any customers and there has been no rail traffic for at least twenty-four months. Accordingly, abandonment will not change the level of operational activity on the Line.

KCSR anticipates that all existing rail facilities will be removed for reuse or appropriate disposal. Following abandonment, there will be no maintenance or operation of the Line. KCSR anticipates selling its interest in the right-of-way for conversion to trail use.

The only reasonable alternative to abandonment would be to allow the Line to remain in its current condition.

(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 or freight traffic on the Line. Accordingly, abandonment will not affect regional or local transportation systems or patterns and there will be no diversion of traffic from rail to other modes.

(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.**

KCSR believes the proposed abandonment will be consistent with existing land use plans inasmuch as there is already a trail from Sibley, MP 83.02, to the beginning terminus of the proposed abandonment at MP 144.64. Some in the community have expressed an interest in extending that trail system through acquiring this right-of-way to expand the trail. KCSR contacted the City of Winnfield and Winn Parish via letters dated June 20, 2005. See Environmental Report Exhibit 2. No response has been received as of this date. A copy of this Environmental Report has been mailed to the appropriate local and state agencies for their information and further comment.

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.**

KCSR does not believe that the proposed abandonment will have any adverse impact on prime agricultural land. Winn Parish consists mainly of forest land that will not be impacted by the proposed abandonment. KCSR notified the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Natural Resources Conservation Service in Columbia, Louisiana by letter dated June 20, 2005, and requested assistance in identifying any potential effects on prime agriculture land. See Environmental Report Exhibit 2. No response has been received to date. A copy of this report is being supplied to USDA for its information and comment.

- (iii) **If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by Sec. 1105.9.**

Winn Parish is not within a designated coastal zone.

- (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. 10906 and explain why.**

In the opinion of KCSR, the properties proposed for abandonment might be suitable for other public purposes, including as a utility corridor or a trail.

(4) **ENERGY**

- (i) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

Inasmuch as there has been no rail traffic on the Line for at least two years, the abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of energy resources.

- (ii) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.**

Inasmuch as there has been no rail traffic on the Line for at least two years, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

- (iii) **State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.**

Inasmuch as there has been no rail traffic on the Line for at least two years, the proposed abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

- (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. To minimize the production of repetitive data, the information on overall energy efficiency in Sec. 1105.7(e)(4)(iii) need not be supplied if the more detailed information in Sec. 1105.7(e)(4)(iv) is required.**

Inasmuch as there has been no rail traffic on the Line for at least two years, there will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage that would exceed these thresholds.

(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 subsection (5)(i)(A) will apply.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(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 reinstatement of service over a previously abandoned line, only the three train a day threshold in this item shall apply.

KCSR believes, based upon 40 C.F.R. §81.319 (2004) that Winn Parish is not a non-attainment area and that the above-stated thresholds are inapplicable. Nevertheless, the above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(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.

Not applicable.

**(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.**

None of the thresholds of item (5)(i) of this section will be exceeded.

**(7) SAFETY**

- (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).**

Elimination of the Line will allow removal of the rail facilities and possible conversion into a trail. There are two at-grade road crossings on the Line. Abandonment will allow these to be eliminated, removing a potential safety risk.

- (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.**

Hazardous materials are not expected to be transported.

- (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.**

KCSR is unaware of any hazardous waste sites or sites on the Line where there have been hazardous material spills.

(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.**

KCSR believes that the proposed abandonment will not have an adverse impact on endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat. KCSR notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by letter dated June 20, 2005 and requested assistance in determining whether the proposed abandonment would adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat. *See* Environmental Report Exhibit 2. A copy of this report has been supplied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its information and comment.

- (ii) **State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the Line is not within any wildlife sanctuary or refuge, National or State parks, or forests. KCSR notified the National Park Service of the proposed abandonment by letter dated June 20, 2005 and requested assistance in identifying any potential effects on wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State Parks, or forests. *See* Environmental Report Exhibit 2. No response has yet been received. A copy of this report has been supplied to the National Park Service for its information and comment.

(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.**

KCSR is confident that the proposed abandonment will be consistent with applicable water quality standards. KCSR contacted the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources by letters dated June 20, 2005. *See* Environmental Report Exhibit 2. To date, no response to this request has been received. A copy of this report will be supplied to the Louisiana DNR and US EPA for their information and comment.

- (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.**

KCSR is confident that no permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required and that the 100-year flood plains will not be adversely impacted by the proposed abandonment. KCSR contacted the U.S. Army Engineer District for Louisiana by letter dated June 20, 2005 and has received no response to date. See Environmental Report Exhibit 2. A copy of this report has been supplied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for its information and comment.

- (iii) **State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required.)**

Upon receiving abandonment authority, any removal of 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. KCSR 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. Any crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the Line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during any track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways. Based upon this course of action, KCSR does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

By letter dated June 20, 2005, KCSR has contacted the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources concerning this matter and requested assistance in identifying any potential impacts on applicable water quality standards and determining whether the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable Federal, State, or local water quality standards. See Environmental Report Exhibit 2. A copy of this report is being supplied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for their information and comment.

(10) **PROPOSED MITIGATION**

**Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.**

There will be no adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment; therefore, mitigating action will not be necessary.

(11) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR RAIL CONSTRUCTIONS**

Not applicable.

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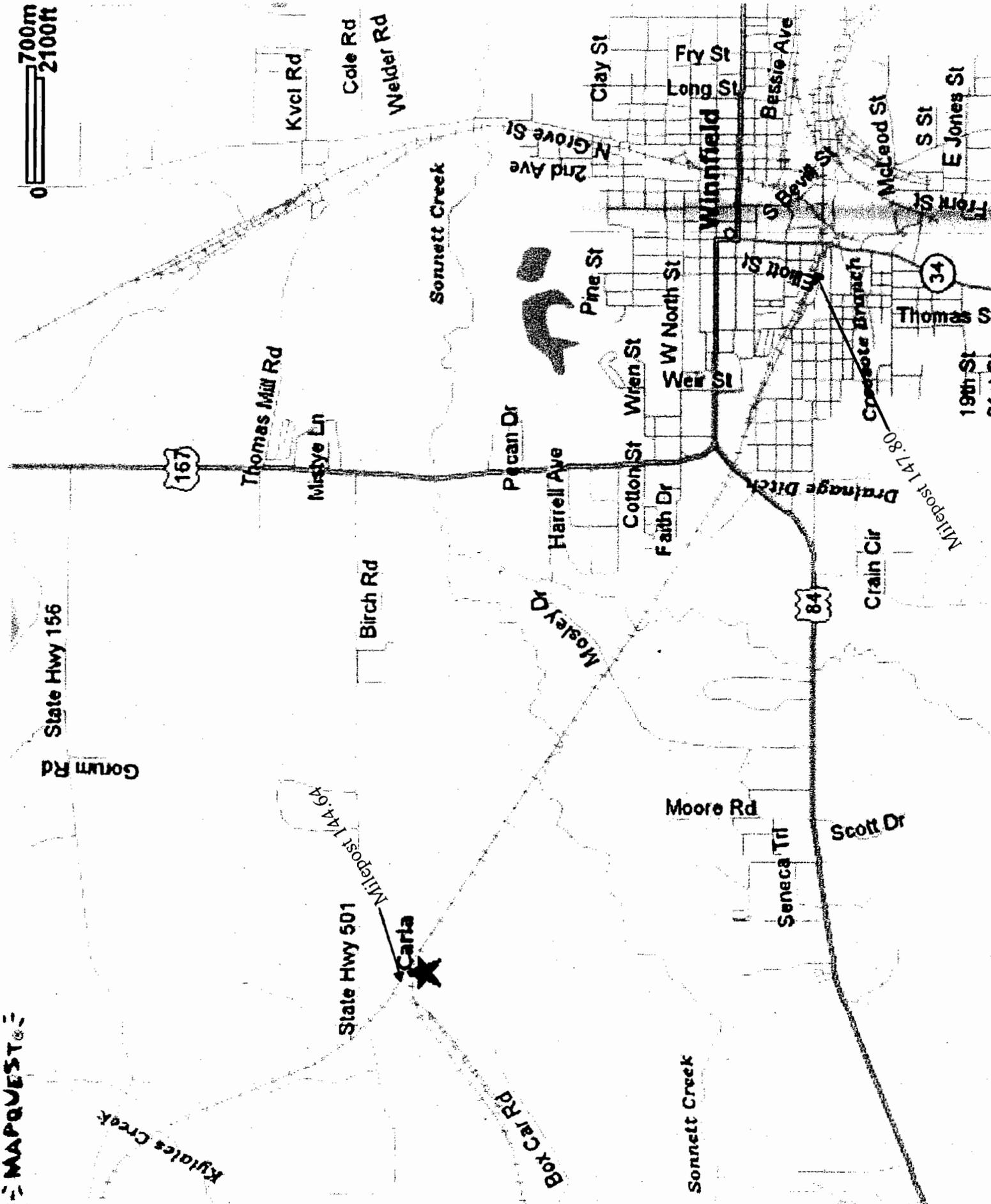
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Sincerely,

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RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – Line  
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STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 18X)

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**49 CFR §1105.7 (e)(1):**

- (1) **A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an 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;**

A U.S.G.S. topographic map of the local area is attached hereto as Historic Report Exhibit 1. A corresponding map that identifies the three bridge structures on the Line that are older than 50 years old, along with other features of the Line, is attached hereto as Historic Report Exhibit 2. Both are being supplied to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Office with a copy of this report.

- (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 involved right-of-way consists of a strip of land approximately 3.16 miles long located near Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 144.64 to milepost 147.80 (the "Line"). The right-of-way generally has 25 feet of width on both sides of the rail track and sometimes widens to a total width of 100 feet. It is located in a predominantly forest area, with some residential and light industrial near Winnfield. The topography is generally flat.

- (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;**

The only structures on the Line that are 50 years old or older are three small bridges. They are:

- at Milepost 146.3 - 110' open deck timber trestle, built 1944 (see Historic Report Exhibit 3)
- at Milepost 145.8 - 98' open deck timber trestle, built 1936 (see Historic Report Exhibit 4)
- at Milepost 145.0 - 29' open deck timber trestle, built 1945 (see Historic Report Exhibit 5)

(See Historic Report Exhibit 2 for locations of these structures, and Historic Report Exhibits 3- 5 for photos of these structures.)

- (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;**

See description above. KCSR is not aware of any major alterations to these structures.

- (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;**

The Line is believed to have been built in approximately 1902 or 1903 by either the Shreveport & Red River Valley Railroad or the Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Company ("L&A"), both predecessors of KCSR. The Shreveport & Red River Valley was acquired by the Louisiana Railway & Navigation Company at about the time that the Line was being built. The Louisiana Railway & Navigation Company merged with the L&A in 1929. KCSR acquired control of the L&A in 1939, and the L&A was merged into KCSR in 1992.

As a result of the proposed abandonment, maintenance on the Line will cease, and any available rail, crossties, other track material and ballast will be salvaged. KCSR is interested in selling the right-of-way for possible use as a trail or for other public uses.

- (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;**

KCSR may have engineering sketches and valuation maps pertaining to these bridges.

- (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 CFR 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);**

Based on information in its possession, KCSR does not believe that these bridges are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. These sites are not associated with any famous individual or event that has broad historical effect. Nothing about these particular open deck timber trestles is distinct or unique. They have been disturbed periodically over the years for track maintenance and for rehabilitation work. Accordingly, KCSR does not expect that historic or pre-historic materials would have survived intact to this date. Nothing about these bridges indicates any historic significance. KCSR is also unaware of any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties on the Line's right-of-way.

- (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 wastes), and the surrounding terrain.**

The Line has been in place for many years and, over the course of that period, various track work and/or construction has occurred. Such work may have disturbed the potential for recovery of archeological resources.

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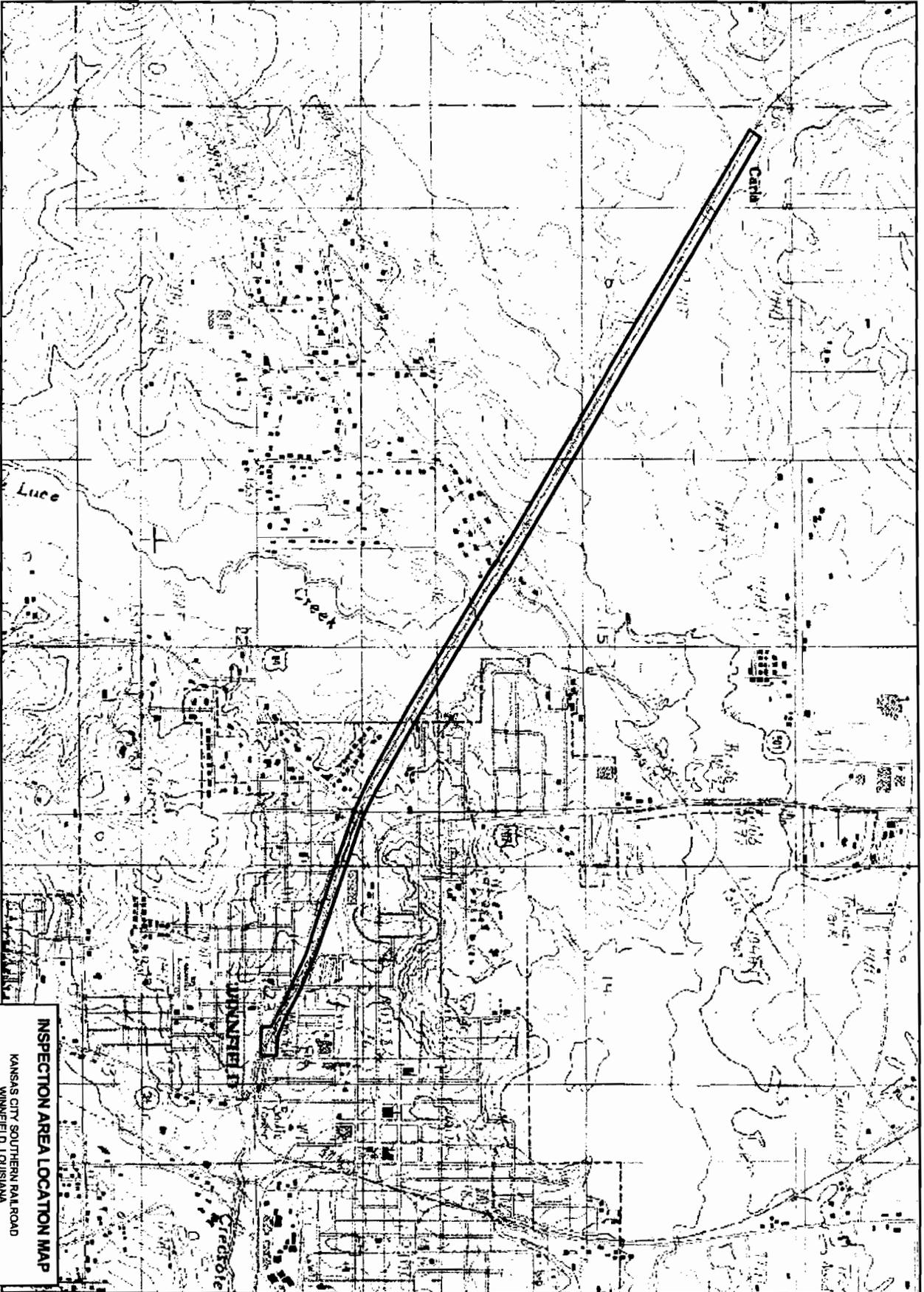
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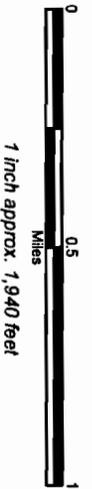
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**EXHIBIT 1 - TOPOGRAPHIC MAP OF AREA**



Source: USGS 1:24,000  
Topographic Map  
(Winnfield West)



**INSPECTION AREA LOCATION MAP**  
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WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA

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**EXHIBIT 2 – MAP INDICATING BRIDGE LOCATIONS AND SURROUNDING  
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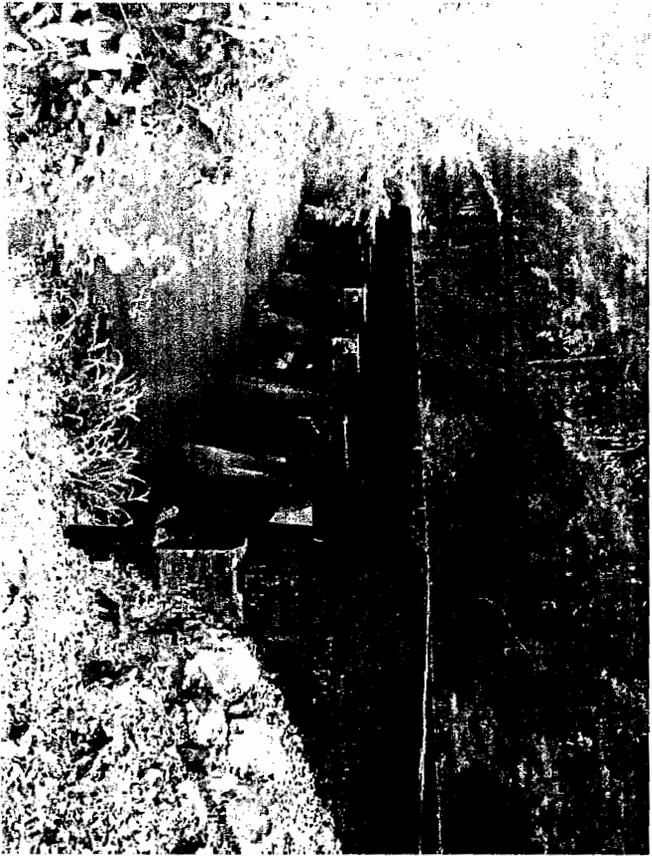
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**EXHIBIT 3 – PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRIDGE AT MILEPOST 146.3**

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**Name of Site:** Winnfield

**Photographer:** John R. Simpson  
**Location:** Winnfield, LA



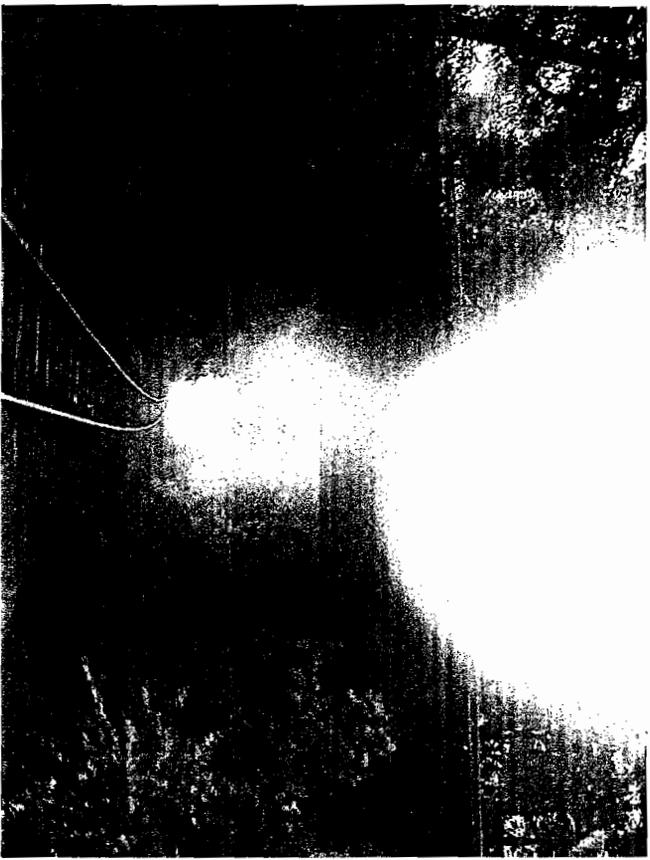
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**Photo Description:** View of rail bridge at MP 146.30.



**Direction:** West  
**Photo Description:** View of rail bridge at MP 146.30.

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<b>Name of Site:</b>	Winnfield	<b>Location:</b>	Winnfield, LA



**Direction:** East  
**Photo Description:** View of west side of Hwy 84 bridge.



**Direction:** West  
**Photo Description:** View of rail bridge at MP 146.30

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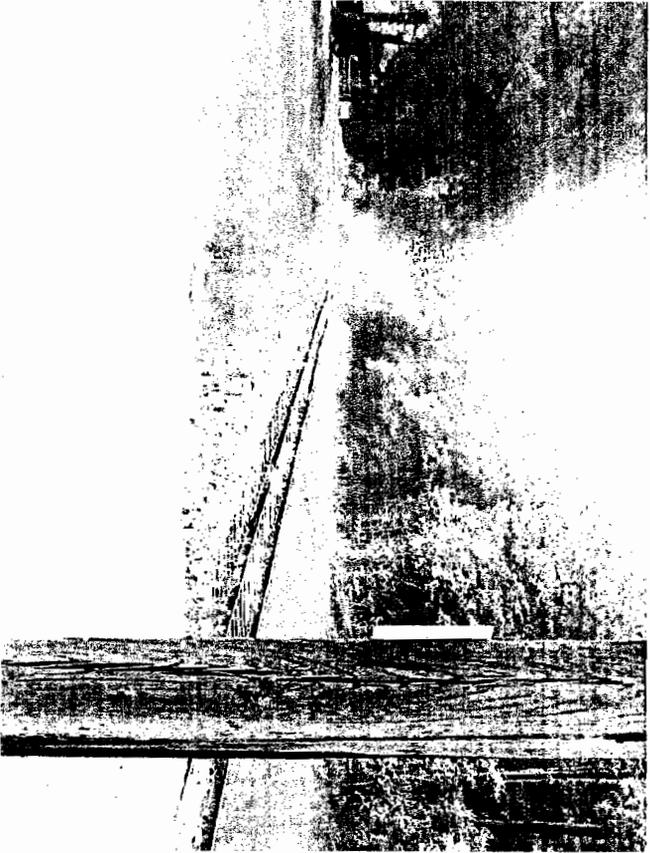
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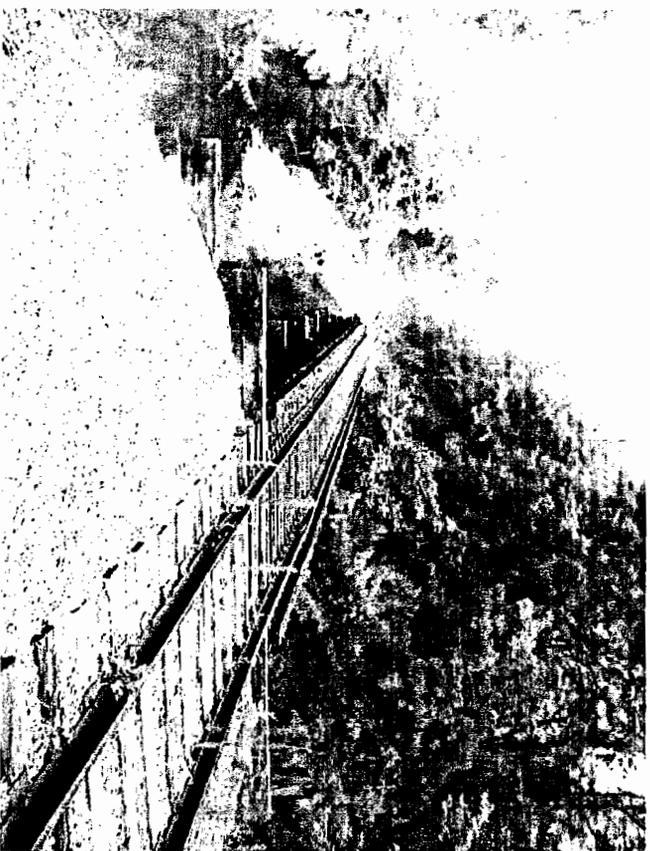
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**Name of Site:** Winnfield

**Photographer:** John R. Simpson  
**Location:** Winnfield, LA



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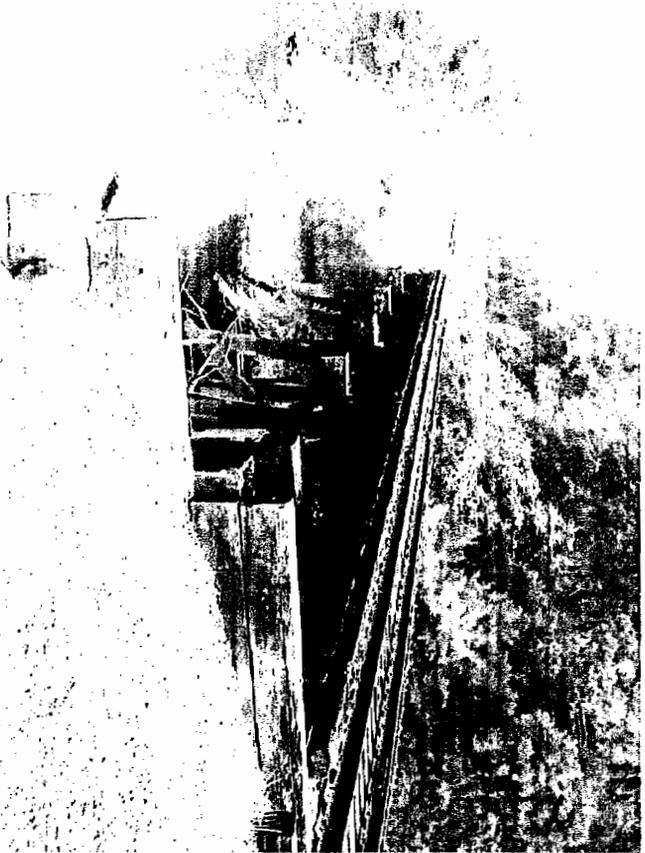


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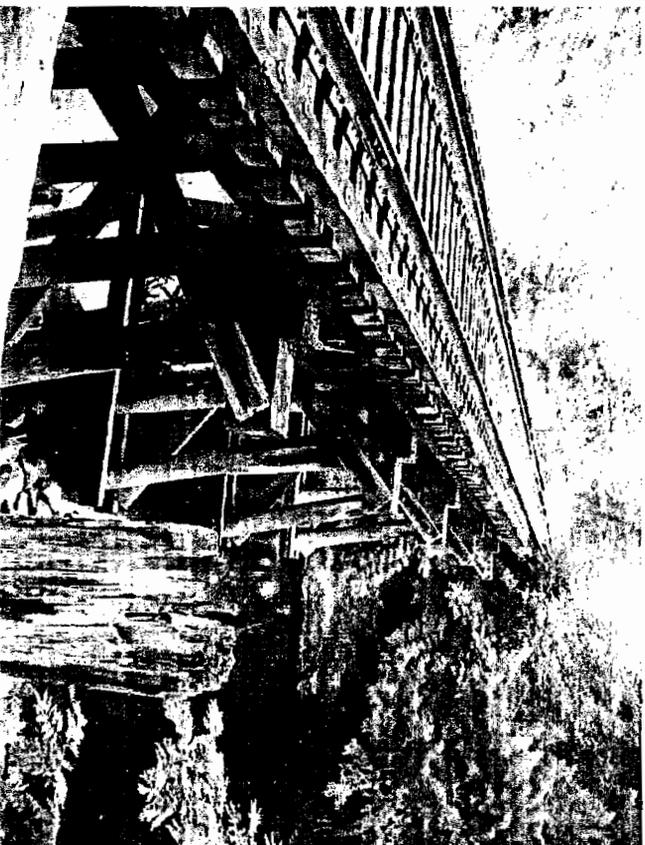
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**Photographer:** John R. Simpson  
**Location:** Winnfield, LA



**Direction:** Northwest  
**Photo Description:** View of rail bridge at MP 145.80.



**Direction:** Northeast  
**Photo Description:** : View of rail bridge at MP 145.80.

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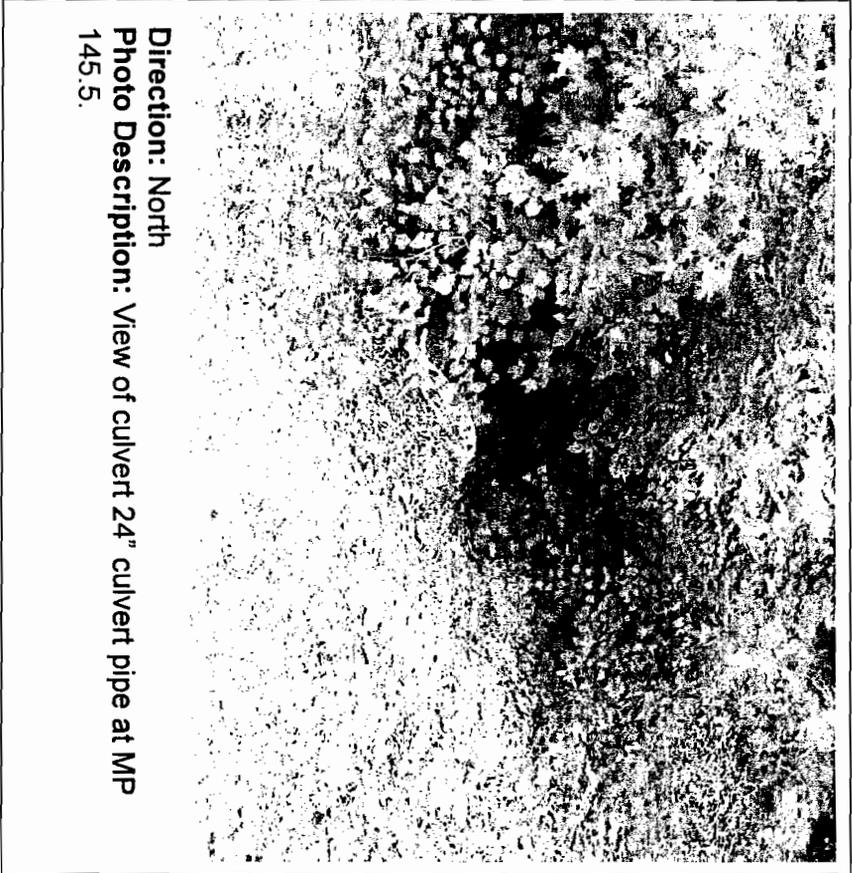
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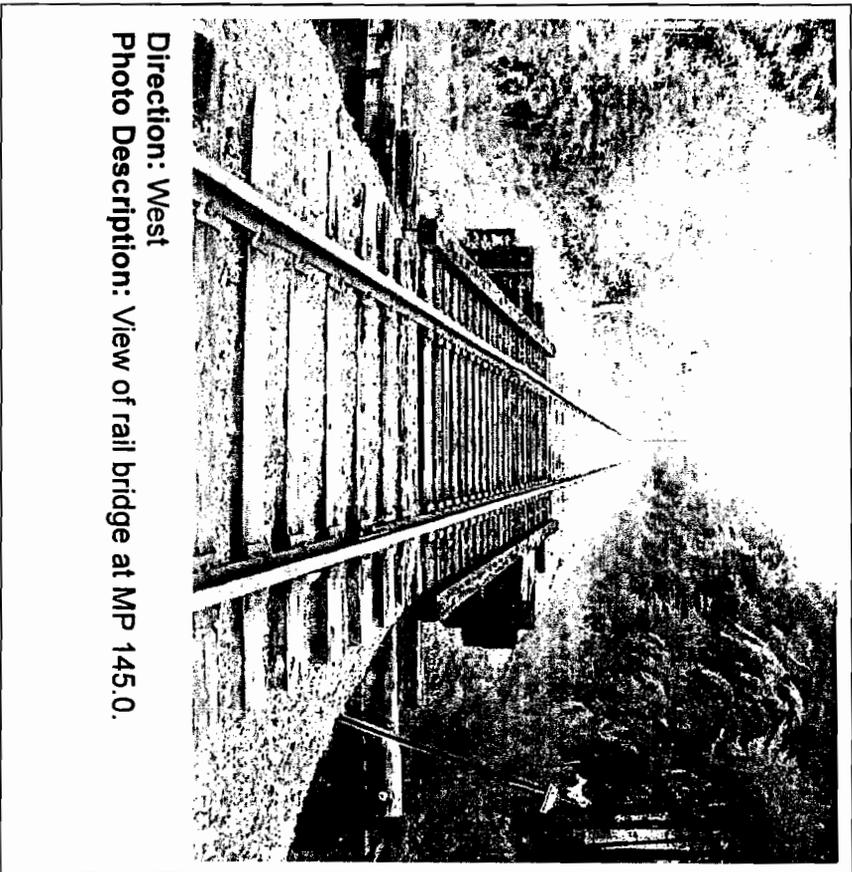
**EXHIBIT 5 – PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRIDGE AT MILEPOST 145.0**

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<b>Name of Site:</b>	Winnfield	<b>Location:</b>	Winnfield, LA



**Direction:** North  
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**Direction:** West  
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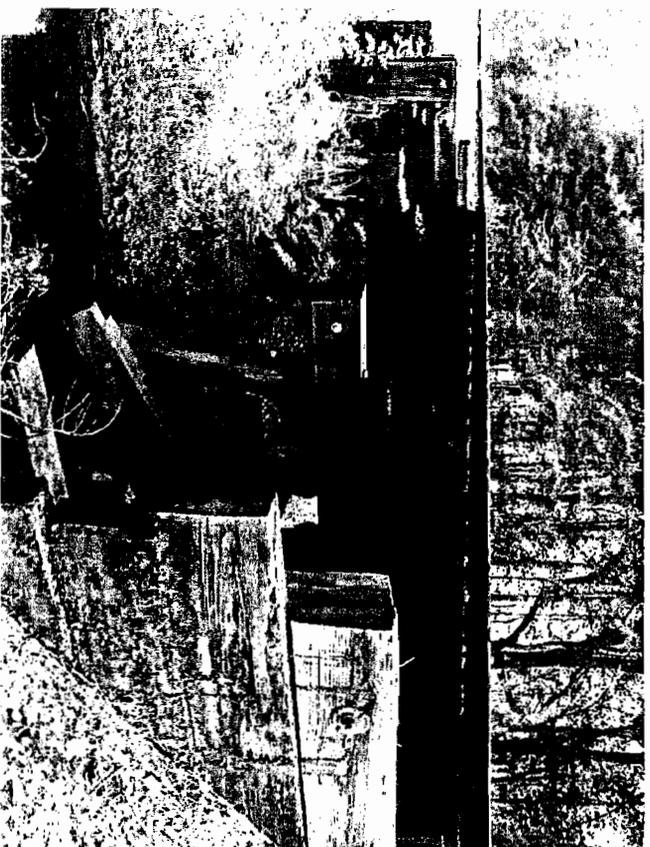
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**Client/Project:** Kansas City Southern  
**Name of Site:** Winnfield

**Photographer:** John R. Simpson  
**Location:** Winnfield, LA



**Direction:** West  
**Photo Description:** View of rail bridge and mile marker at MP 145.0.



**Direction:** Northwest  
**Photo Description:** View of rail bridge at MP 145.0.