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Michigan Department of Commerce
Michigan Neighborhood Builders' Alliance
P.O. Box 30242
Lansing, MI 48909**Re: Proposed Abandonment by Central Michigan Railway Company
In Saginaw County, MI; Docket No. AB-308 (Sub-No. 3X)**

Dear Sir / Madam:

The Central Michigan Railway Corporation ("CMR") filed a Petition for Exemption with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB" or "Board") on July 16, 2003 for CMR to abandon approximately 1.77 miles of rail line located in Saginaw County, Michigan, running from railroad milepost 2.83 to milepost 4.60 ("the Line"). We understand that copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report were not received by your office. As such, we have enclosed a copy of the Petition for Exemption, which includes copies of the Environmental Report and the Historic Report for your convenience.

Pursuant to the STB's environmental and historic regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 1105, we are advising you of this action so that you may assist us in identifying any potential effects on existing land use or historic plans. We would appreciate your review of the proposed abandonment and any comments you may wish to offer. We would also appreciate you providing us with a written response so that we can forward it to the STB.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Christine J. Sommer

Enclosure

Surface Transportation Board