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**Attn: Ms. Christa Dean**  
**1925 "K" Street NW -Suite 534**  
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**RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment**  
**Anderson County, SC**  
**STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 664X)**

Dear Ms. Dean:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on April 28, 2006, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find copies of all "CSXT Agency 2" letters, and distribution list, which serve as the format letter attached to the environmental reports which were sent on March 21, 2006.

Sincerely,

**Attachments**

- Copy: Mr. Steven Armbrust, CSXT, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202 (w/o attach)**
- Mr. Lou Gitomer, 118 Sunnymeadow Lane, Reistertown, MD 21136 (w/o attach)**

## **CSXT Abandonment - Docket AB 55 Sub No. 664X Distribution List**

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Ms. Vivianne Vejdani  
South Carolina DHEC  
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Dear Ms. Vejdani

Thank you for your letter dated February 24, 2006 regarding the CSXT proposed abandonment in Anderson County, South Carolina. This letter is in response to both your letter and our telephone conversation of March 17, 2006.

Your letter outlines several recommendations that deal with the placement of fill material or land disturbances. Since our initial letter did not specify the method by which any federally approved salvage activities would be conducted, I would like to offer this additional information in order to clarify the proposed activity.

CSXT does not contemplate any scenario in which the SCDHEC's initial recommendations should be necessary since the removal of material will be accomplished by use of the current right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, with 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 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. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways.

CSXT does not contemplate any action known to be inconsistent with federal, state and/or local water quality standards. Any necessary permits or applications will be obtained as well as compliance with conditions or procedures required by regulatory agencies.

This information is also in the attached Environmental Report which will be part of the Surface Transportation Board filing.

I look forward to receiving your comments regarding the proposed activity. Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

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