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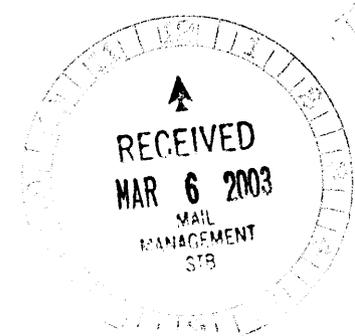
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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Akron Junction, in Akron, Summit County, Ohio
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 631X)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The attached letter was mailed to the following agencies on February 28, 2003:

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Sincerely,
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Gentlemen:

Please be advised that on March 21, 2003, CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon approximately 0.07 of a mile of its rail line at Akron Junction, in Akron, Summit County, Ohio.

Attached is a preliminary Environmental Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental effects. We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the Board's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. Before this Report is finalized and submitted to the Board, we will incorporate into it any comments that we receive from you. Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental impacts of the contemplated action. If any of the information is incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, telephone (202) 565-1545 and refer to the above Docket Number(s). Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your comments to SEA (with copy to me) within three weeks would be appreciated.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me directly by telephone at (904) 359-2409, or by mail at the above address.

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