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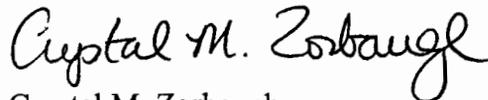
Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 18X)  
*The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption*  
*-- Line In Winn Parish, LA*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Recently, we received a response from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, one of the agencies we consulted in regards to The Kansas City Southern Railway Company's (KCSR's) proposed abandonment of 3.16 miles of railroad track located near Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana, running from milepost 144.64 to milepost 147.80 (the "Line"). I enclose the original letter received from the agency for inclusion in the Surface Transportation Board's database.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact William A. Mullins, counsel for KCSR by telephone at (202) 663-7823, by e-mail at [wmullins@bakerandmiller.com](mailto:wmullins@bakerandmiller.com), or by mail at the address shown above.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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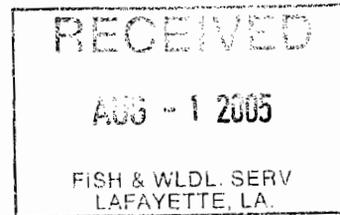
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RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption --  
Line In Winn Parish, LA*  
STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 18X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On or about August 15, 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 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. 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. 18X).

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.

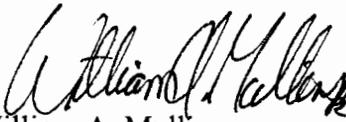
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If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact KCSR's representative by mail at: William A. Mullins, Esq., Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; by fax at (202) 663-7849; by e-mail at [wmullins@bakerandmiller.com](mailto:wmullins@bakerandmiller.com) or by telephone at (202) 663-7823.

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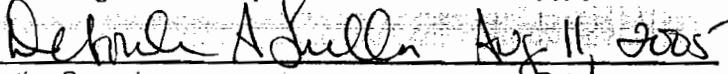
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cc: Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)  
Surface Transportation Board  
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This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed,

Will have no effect on those resources  
 Is not likely to adversely affect those resources.

This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

  
Acting Supervisor Date

Louisiana Field Office  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service