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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Dave Geraci
Manager-Network Rationalization
CSX Transportation
500 Water Street - J200
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Re: **STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub No. 674X) Proposed CSX Transportation, Inc.
Abandonment of the Riley Spur in Vigo County, Indiana**

Dear Mr. Geraci:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has received the project Environmental Report as submitted to the Surface Transportation Board, dated July 31, 2006, concerning a proposed abandonment of 7.4 miles of rail line segment located between Spring Hill and Clingerman Street, east of Riley, Indiana. We further received your letter dated August 16, 2006. We appreciate your detailed response to our comment letter of August 4, 2006 and find all points of concern are adequately addressed. We have no further comments regarding this rail line abandonment, but we reserve the right to reconsider or undertake additional review if significant new data on the project is made available by the sponsoring agency or other interested parties.

Again, thank you for the information concerning this project and consideration of our review. Should any additional issues or questions arise, feel free to contact Norm West at 312-353-5692 or west.norman@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Westlake
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Cc: Christa Dean
Surface Transportation Board
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