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BY E-MAIL

Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
1925 K Street, NW
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Attn: Christa Dean

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

Dear Ms. Dean:

This is in response to your call of last month concerning the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's ("LA DEQ's") September 29, 2005 letter which raised the question of whether a stormwater discharge permit would be required for salvaging the rail line at issue in the captioned matter. Subsequent to the Board's receipt of LA DEQ's letter, you called me and requested that The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") consult with the LA DEQ about the stormwater discharge permit issue and advise the Board in writing of the result of those consultations. This letter fulfills that request.

Chester A. Culley, KCSR's General Director of Environmental Quality, spoke on November 4 with Mr. Aaron Cox, who has taken over handling stormwater discharge permits from Yvonne Baker, who was named in LA DEQ's letter. Mr. Cox (phone 225-219-3092) agreed with Mr. Culley that KCSR's removal of the rail and ties from the line would not constitute construction that would require a stormwater discharge permit under applicable LA DEQ regulations.

Sincerely,

David C. Reeves

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Enclosure

cc: Thomas J. Healey, Esq.