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Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
395 East Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: CSXT Abandonment  
Portsmouth, VA  
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 680X)

Dear STB - SEA:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on August 7, 2007, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated August 7, 2007 from Mr. Richard Hartman, Portsmouth City Engineer stating *"We concur with the report as prepared and see no adverse impact from the removal of the subject rail."*

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: Mr. Steven Armbrust, CSXT, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202

THE CITY OF  
**PORTSMOUTH**

August 7, 2007

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RE: Proposed Rail Abandonment  
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 680X)

Dear Mr. Geraci:

With regard to the proposed rail abandonment in Portsmouth, we have received and responded to the Environmental Report.

We concur with the report as prepared and see no adverse impact from the removal of the subject rail.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Hartman, P.E.  
City Engineer

Xc: Mark Yehlen  
Landon Wellford

# CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 680X

Notice of Exemption from Railroad Milepost SA 0.28 to Railroad Milepost SA 0.78, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Agency response (check one):

No Environmental Impact

\_\_\_\_ Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

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Date:

8/7/07

Signature:

Richard A. Hartman

Name:

RICHARD A. HARTMAN

Title:

CITY ENGINEER