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October 24, 2005

Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
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RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Limerick IT, Watertown, NY
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 663X)

Gentlemen:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on October 14, 2005, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. At your request a copy of the Environmental and Historic Reports have been sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Region 5, 300 West Gate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035-9589. Enclosed please find a copy of cover letter and email correspondence regarding this filing.

Please feel free to contact me if you should need anything further.

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: Mr. Lou Gitomer, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC, 20005



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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Commission
Region 5
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Hadley, MA 01035-9589

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub. No. 663X)

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that on October 14, 2005, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 1.1 miles of railroad from Railroad Milepost 1.5 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost 2.6 near Watertown, Jefferson County, New York.

Attached is a preliminary Environmental Report and a Historic 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. Your comments would be greatly appreciated and 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 Numbers. 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) 359-1086, or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Attachments

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Geraci, Dave

From: Christa.Dean@stb.dot.gov
Date: Friday, October 21, 2005 5:13 PM
To: Geraci, Dave
Subject: AB-55 (Sub-No. 663X)

Mr. Geraci:

The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis requests that you send a copy of the environmental and historic reports for STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 663X) in Jefferson County, New York to the following:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Region 5
300 West Gate Center Drive
Hadley MA 01035-9589

We also request a brief letter confirming that the environmental report has been sent to the agencies noted above.
The fax number is (202) 565-9000.

thank you

Christa L. Dean, Attorney
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