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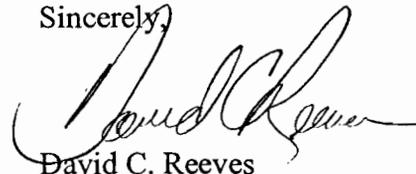
RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption -
Line In Winn Parish, LA*
STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 18X)

Dear Mr. Snay:

This relates to your August 3, 2005 letter addressed to Victoria J. Rutson of the Surface Transportation Board about the referenced rail abandonment proposal. This is to advise that The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") has checked the locations of the 2 geodetic markers identified in your August 3 letter, and finds that the closest one to the track is approximately 1100 feet away. Because the salvage of the line will be conducted within the rail right of way, which does not extend more than 100 feet from the track itself, the proposed rail line abandonment and salvage operations would have no effect on the markers identified in your letter.

Thank you for your response to our environmental consultation request.

Sincerely,



David C. Reeves

cc: Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
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