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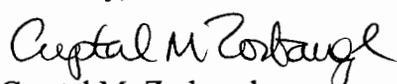
Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 20X)
*The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption
-- Line In Jefferson Parish, LA*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On April 26, 2006, a copy of the Environmental and Historic Report ("Report") regarding KCSR's intent to file, on or about May 16, 2006, a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, Subpart F, seeking to abandon 0.71 miles of railroad track located in Metairie (Jefferson Parish), Louisiana, running from milepost 862.14 (near Turnbull Drive) to milepost 862.85 (near Causeway Blvd.)(the "Line") was served on required agencies. The Line traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 70001. Exhibit 2 to the Report contained copies of an April 18, 2006 letter that KCSR had sent to various consulting agencies seeking their input on the proposed KCSR action.

Attached hereto is the original of the April 18th letter sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Louisiana Field Office seeking their input and consultation. The original April 18 letter has been stamped by the Acting Supervisor of the Louisiana Field Office with a notation that the proposed KCSR abandonment would not have any adverse effects on any endangered plants or animals. You are being sent this original document with its notation for inclusion in your records in the above mentioned proceeding. If you have any questions concerning this proposed abandonment, please contact David C. Reeves at (202) 663-7824.

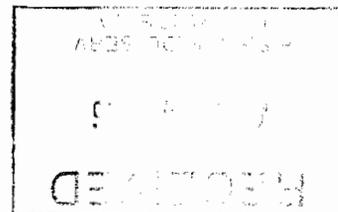
Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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April 18, 2006

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 20X)
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption
-- Line In Jefferson Parish, LA

To Consulting Agencies:

On or about May 12, 2006, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, Subpart F, seeking to abandon 0.71 miles of railroad track located in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, running from Milepost 862.14 (near Turnbull Drive) to Milepost 862.85 (near Causeway Blvd.) (the "Line"). The Line, formerly owned by Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Co. ("L&A"), a predecessor of KCSR, traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 70001. A map that delineates the Line is attached as Exhibit 1.

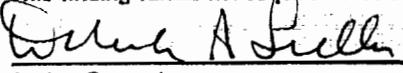
Pursuant to the STB's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1105, KCSR will prepare and file an environmental and historic report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects. In preparation of these reports, KCSR is seeking your input and comment. At this time and based on information in KCSR's possession, KCSR does not anticipate any adverse environmental or historic effects. Likewise, based on known information in KCSR's possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed,

Will have no effect on those resources

Is not likely to adversely affect those resources.

This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.


Acting Supervisor _____ Date May 2, 2006

Louisiana Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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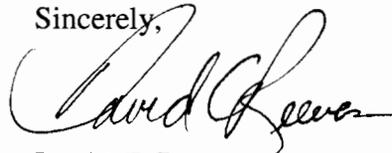
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If you have any information regarding the environmental and historic impacts of the proposed abandonment that you desire to provide to KCSR before issuance of the environmental and historic report, please provide them to me as KCSR's representative by e-mail at: dreeves@bakerandmiller.com; by mail at: David C. Reeves, Esq., Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; by FAX at: (202) 663-7849; or by TEL at: (202) 663-7824.

Regardless of whether or not you provide any comments at this time, a copy of the environmental and historic report will be mailed to you at least 21 days before KCSR files its Notice of Exemption. You will be given an opportunity to provide comment on that report at that time. That report and any comments that you provide at that time will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please review the regulations, contact me, or the STB's Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 565-1545.

Sincerely,



David C. Reeves

Enclosure

cc: Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
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