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Dear Secretary Williams:

Seaside Holdings, Inc., is considering filing an offer of financial assistance in STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 664X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—In Anderson County, SC, if and when the Board should approve the railroad's Petition for Exemption.

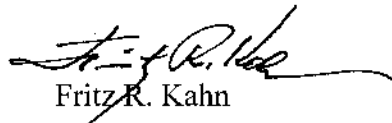
Seaside Holdings, Inc., has requested the permission of CSX Transportation, Inc., to take a hi-rail inspection trip of the line so as to be able to assist it in estimating the net liquidation value of the rails, ties and other track materials. Seaside has agreed to have the appraiser sign whatever releases CSXT will want him to sign and will make certain that the appraiser has general liability insurance of \$5 million per occurrence and \$10 million in the aggregate to protect CSXT.

CSXT has denied Seaside permission to have its appraiser take a hi-rail inspection trip of the line. Without seeing the property, Seaside may be foreclosed from making a reasonable estimate of the net liquidation value of the line's track materials and may request the Board to postpone the date for its submission of the OFA until it has been afforded the opportunity to perform the inspection.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed to permit your circulation of it. An additional copy is enclosed for you to stamp and to return to me in the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope.

I certify that I have served a copy of this letter upon CSXT by mailing by first class mail a copy to its attorney, Steven C. Armbrust, Esq.

Sincerely yours,

  
Fritz R. Kahn

cc: Steven C. Armbrust, Esq.