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**Federal Railroad
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Mr. C. M. King
Chief Engineer, Communications and Signals
CSX Transportation, Incorporated
500 Water Street , SC J-350
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Re: Docket Number FRA-2007-0026

Dear Sir:

On August 28, 2008, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) denied the CSX Transportation, Incorporated block signal application identified as Docket Number FRA-2007-0026.

The application sought approval of the proposed discontinuance and removal of three power-operated split-point derails, Number (No.) 2, No. 4, and No. 6, located within a traffic control system in St. Joseph, Michigan, milepost CG-87; Grand Rapids Subdivision; Chicago Division.

In consideration of the application, FRA determined that the proposed changes would reduce protection and safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grady C. Cothen, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.
Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety
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