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PUCO United Transportation Union (UTU) vs. CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) Re:

Case No. 11-5238-RR-CSS

Dear Ms. Thomas-Dalton:

It was a pleasure to speak with you on December 13, 2011.. Following our conversation, I contacted several individuals and departments within CSX Transportation to further investigate statements in the Findings, Summary, Conclusions & Recommendations docketed 12/6/2011. When CSXT's original response was filed on October 20, 2011, it was our understanding that Mr. Jerry Gibson, PUCO/FRA Safety Inspector, had inspected the area and found no exceptions or sight obstructions in the vicinity.

In response to my inquiries, on January 12, 2012, I received an email from the Division Engineer, Great Lakes District, Maintenance of Way, advising that brush had been cut in the area. In addition, I have recently spoken with the Manager of Engineering Programs here in Jacksonville and he confirmed this location is scheduled for an application to control excessive vegetation in the spring, with another application in the summer months.

This letter is being sent for docketing and further action, should it be deemed necessary by the Commission. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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