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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Attn.: Docketing Division 13th floor and Ms. Leah Thomas-Dalton
Chief, Transportation Department, Railroad Division

**Re: United Transportation Union (UTU) vs. CSX Transportation
(CSXT)
Case No. 11-5235-RR-CSS**

Dear Ms. Thomas-Dalton and Docketing Division:

Please allow this letter to serve as CSX Transportation's formal response and answer to those allegations contemplated by Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901-9-01. As background, this complaint by the UTU was filed with PUCO on September 22, 2011 and mailed to Mr. Rusty Orben, CSXT, in Columbus, Ohio on September 23, 2011. *For future reference and to insure prompt delivery to CSXT, please add the following to your Parties of Record:*

CSX Transportation, Inc., ATTN: Legal Intake, 500 Water Street, J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202

In the complaint submitted by Luther G. (Glenn) Newsom, on behalf of the UTU, he alleges an unsafe condition due to excessive growth of weeds and vegetation in the vicinity of Ridgeway, Hardin/ Logan Counties, Ohio, at Scottslawn Secondary. Specifically, at Hayes Siding, north from Hale Drive MP QT 81.54 to south MP CP 82.

Upon learning of the Complaint on or about October 12, 2011, an investigation into the allegations was undertaken by contacting the Roadmaster of the area of concern, Ron Hartzell. Mr. Hartzell advised this area has been sprayed for vegetation control and that Jerry Gibson with the PUCO inspected the area of concern on Monday, October 17th. Mr. Gibson confirmed with Mr. Hartzell there was no exception taken at this location.

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CSXT remains committed to promptly complying with the statutes of Ohio and the rules and regulations of the Commission to ensure the safety of railroad personnel and the public.

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901-9-01, CSXT is prepared to fully cooperate with the Commission in any investigation of the allegations in Mr. Newsom's complaint, should the Commission determine further action or investigation is needed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel C. Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel C. Parker, CP, FRP

cc: Luther G. Newsom, Chairman & State Legislative Director, UTU
Thomas C. Wood, Esq., UTU Legal Counsel
D. Casey Talbott, Esq., Legal Counsel for Respondent Norfolk Southern
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