

**REQUEST FOR RECORD DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**  
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JOB NO. <b>NC1-134-76-2</b>	
DATE RECEIVED <b>MAR 25 1976</b>	
NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be stamped "disposal not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.	
<b>4-7-76</b> Date	<i>James B. Rhoads</i> Archivist of the United States

TO: **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,  
 NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408**

1. FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)  
**Interstate Commerce Commission**

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION  
**Rail Services Planning Office**

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER  
**Alan M. Fitzwater**

5. TEL. EXT.  
**254-3281**

6. CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE:

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records; that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

**A** Request for immediate disposal.

**B** Request for disposal after a specified period of time or request for permanent retention.

C. DATE <b>3/11/76</b>	D. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Robert Oswald</i>	E. TITLE <b>Secretary</b>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>RECORDS OF THE RAIL SERVICES PLANNING OFFICE</b></u></p> <p>The Rail Services Planning Office was established in the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Rail Reorganization Act of 1973 which concerns the restructuring of rail services in the Northeastern and Midwestern regions of the United States. The Office was to operate for five years and was instructed to review, analyze, and report on the Department of Transportation's rail services report and the United States Railway Association's preliminary system plan; to provide public counsel and other staff to collect and develop information to be considered by the United States Railway Association in devising its system; to assist states and local and regional transportation agencies in determining if particular rail services should be subsidized; and to define cost accounting terms for the Rail Services Continuation Subsidy Program.</p> <p>The Office held hearings soliciting opinion of government officials, shippers, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, consumers, and any other interested persons on the Department of Transportation and United States Railway Association Reports.</p> <p><i>Copy to Agency 4-8-76 RG-134; 4 items</i></p>		

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	<p>Then the Office issued its own reports based on the data collected in the public hearings, the "Evaluation of the Secretary of Transportation's Rail Services Report," the "Evaluation of the United States Railway Association Preliminary Systems Plan," and others.</p> <p>The Rail Services Planning Office was given permanent status by the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 which authorized the Office to act for the Interstate Commerce Commission in analyzing and planning rail services and transportation regulation throughout the United States.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Section of Analysis and Evaluation</u></p> <p>1. <u>Transcripts File (1974 - 1976)</u></p> <p>Copies of transcripts produced from public hearings on the "Secretary of Transportation's Rail Services Report" and the United States Railroad Preliminary Plan. Includes testimony and comment given in public hearing by government officials, industrialists, and consumers interested in or affected by railroad restructuring in the Northeast and Midwest. Constitutes working file from which Rail Services Planning Office reports are published. Official copies of these transcripts are included in the Public Docket File. Arranged chronologically within name of city.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Destroy when 2 years old.</p> <p>2. <u>Submissions File (1974 - 1976)</u></p> <p>Copies of testimony and comment taken by letter from government, business, labor, concerned citizens, and railroad firms interested in or affected by railroad restructuring in the Northeast and Midwest as proposed by the Department of Transportation and the United States Railway Association. Used as working file to produce Rail Services Planning Office reports. Official copies of Submissions are in Public Docket File. Arranged alphabetically within category, i. e., government business, labor, concerned citizens, or railroad.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Destroy when 2 years old.</p>		

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3.	<p><u>Rail Service Continuation Subsidies File</u></p> <p>Copies of comment and testimony of government, industry, and other interested persons taken in public hearing concerning standards for determining the level of rail continuation subsidy payments for lines of railroads which would have otherwise been abandoned under the terms of the United States Railway Association's Final System Plan for restructuring railroads. Under that plan railroads not essential to the system or not operating profitably are abandoned unless subsidized by government or rail users. Official copies are in the Public Docket File. Arranged chronologically.</p> <p>Destroy when 6 years old.</p>		
4.	<p><u>Final System Plan - Comments File (1974 - 1976)</u></p> <p>Copies of comment, and testimony taken in public hearings from government, industry, and concerned citizens concerning the United States Railway Association's Final System Plan for restructuring railroads in the Northeast and Midwest. Used as a working file in producing the Rail Services Planning Office's "A Report to the Congress on the Public Response to the United States Railway Association's Final System Plan." Official copy is in Public Docket File. Arranged alphabetically by state.</p> <p>Destroy when 2 years old.</p>		