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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 193 (Sub-No. 3X)

The Maryland Historical Trust has determined that there are no historic properties affected by this undertaking.

Jim Van Orman Date 4/8/19

**Canton Railroad Company-Abandonment Exemption-
in Baltimore City, MD.**

BACKGROUND

In this proceeding, Canton Railroad Company (Canton) filed a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 seeking to abandon approximately 1,200 linear feet (0.23 miles) of rail line located in Baltimore City, Maryland (the Line). According to Canton, the Line has no milepost or station designations and is sometimes referred to as the OverFlo Track. The Line traverses United States ZIP Code 21224 and travels through a combination of older industrial properties and newer and/or revitalized mixed-use developments. Based on information in its possession, Canton states that the Line does not contain any federally granted right-of-way.

According to Canton, there has been no freight service on the Line since December 12, 2017. The only shipper located on the Line sold its property on December 19, 2017. Following abandonment, Canton intends to sell the right-of-way to the new property owner, 601 Haven Street LLC (Haven), for non-rail use. By letter dated January 15, 2019, Haven affirmed its intentions to purchase the right-of-way for non-rail use and is fully supportive of the proposed abandonment.

Two maps depicting the Line in relationship to the area served are appended to this Environmental Assessment (EA).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Canton submitted an environmental report that concludes the quality of the human environment would not be affected significantly as a result of the abandonment or any post-abandonment activities, including salvage and disposition of the right-of-way. Canton served the environmental report on a number of appropriate federal, state, and local agencies as required by the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) environmental rules [49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b)].¹ The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has reviewed and investigated the record in this proceeding.

¹ The Environmental and Historic Reports are available for viewing on the Board's