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RE: AB 541-3X Portland & Western-Abandonment Exemption-in Washington County, OR.

On January 26, 2023, Portland & Western Railroad (PNWR) filed a verified notice of exemption to abandon 10.28 miles of rail line in the state of Oregon. In their verified notice to the STB, PNWR avered that PNWR owns only a freight easement over the line, and that the State of Oregon owns the rail line. It would appear to NARPO that PNWR should be asking for a Discontinuance not an abandonment. It would appear to NARPO that the State of Oregon should in the future ask for a formal abandonment of the line if that is the intent of the parties.

NARPO requests the STB to clarify exactly what the parties need to file in AB 541-3X..

All Parties of Record have been served via email on 1/26/2023

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