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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 630X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—  
IN SUMNER COUNTY, TN

Decided: May 6, 2003

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 0.43-mile line of railroad between milepost OCN-162.57 and milepost OCN-163.00 in Gallatin, Sumner County, TN. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 8, 2003 (68 FR 17151). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on May 8, 2003.

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) in this proceeding on April 11, 2003. In the EA, SEA initially recommended that CSXT consult with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), prior to salvage activities to determine the need for soil erosion prevention measures. However, CSXT has requested clarification of the EA regarding the recommended condition. CSXT advised in its Notice of Exemption, and the Board subsequently acknowledged, that the track involved with this line was removed by a Tennessee Department of Transportation contractor in the late 1990s to accommodate a state highway project. Therefore, SEA has determined that the NRCS consultation condition is not necessary and that the initial recommendation to impose it should be withdrawn. Accordingly, a Finding of No Significant Impact under 49 CFR 1105.10(g) will be made pursuant to 49 CFR 1011.7(b)(9).

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Abandonment of the involved rail line will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment and conservation of energy resources or historic resources.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary