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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DECISION

S.B. Docket No. AB-468 (Sub-No. IX)

PADUCAH & LOUISVILLE RAILWAY, INC.--ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION--IN MUHLENBERG COUNTY, KY

Decided: November 25, 1996

On April 4, 1996, Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. (P&L), petitioned to be exempted under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon 12.84 miles of rail line in Muhlenberg County, KY, as follows: 6.70 miles of rail line from milepost J-126.6 at Central City to milepost J 133.3 at Greenville; and 6.14 miles of its Beech Creek Lead track from a point on the 6.7-mile line just north of Greenville to the end of the lead at Pond Creek.

In a decision served on October 4, 1996, the Board directed P&L to supplement the record in a number of respects by November 4, 1996, and directed P&L to serve a copy of the supplemental statement simultaneously on Reed Minerals (Reed), a shipper and the only party protesting the proposed abandonment exemption. Then, in a decision served on November 14, 1996, the Board granted P&L a 30-day extension, until December 4, 1996, to file and serve Reed with a copy of the supplement statement.

On November 15, 1996, P&L requested leave to withdraw its petition for an abandonment exemption and served a copy of the request on all parties of record. P&L's request will be granted, and the proceeding will be discontinued.

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

It is ordered:

1. P&L is granted leave to withdraw its petition for an abandonment exemption, and the proceeding is discontinued.
2. This decision is effective on the date of service. By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.,

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

