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SERVICE DATE – JANUARY 10, 2025

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 541 (Sub-No. 5X)

PORTLAND & WESTERN RAILROAD, INC.—
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, OR.

Decided: January 10, 2025

Portland & Western Railroad, Inc. (PNWR), filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 4,111 feet of rail line extending between milepost 31.3 and milepost 32.2 in Tigard, Or. (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on December 13, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 101,087). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on January 12, 2025.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft Environmental Assessment on December 20, 2024, solicited comments, and issued a Final Environmental Assessment on January 8, 2025. No environmental or historic preservation issues were raised by any party or identified by OEA. Accordingly, a finding of no significant impact under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(g) will be made pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1011.7(a)(2)(ix).

It is ordered:

1. Abandonment of the Line will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment and conservation of energy resources or on historic resources.
2. If consummation has not been effected by PNWR's filing of a notice of consummation by December 13, 2025, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Valerie O. Quinn, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.