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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 557X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.--ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION--IN ATKINSON COUNTY, GA

Decided: August 12, 1998

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 0.51 miles of its line of railroad between milepost AP-67.94 and milepost AP-618.45 at the end of track, in Pearson, Atkinson County, GA. Notice of the exemption was served and published in Federal Register on January 7, 1998 (63 FR 923).

In a decision served on February 4, 1998, a condition was imposed requiring CSXT to retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all sites or structures on the line that are 50 years old or older until completion the section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f. On August 6, 1998, CSXT submitted a letter from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (SHPO) stating that the segment of the line proposed for abandonment in Georgia is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, SEA recommends that the historic preservation condition imposed in the February 4 decision be removed.

Accordingly, the proceeding will be reopened and the previously imposed historic preservation condition will be removed.

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

It is ordered:

1. This proceeding is reopened.
2. Upon reconsideration, the section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the decision served on February 4, 1998, is removed.

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3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary