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SERVICE DATE – FEBRUARY 16, 2010  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-295 (Sub-No. 7X)

THE INDIANA RAIL ROAD COMPANY—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION— IN MARTIN  
AND LAWRENCE COUNTIES, IN

Decided: February 12, 2010

By petition filed on December 7, 2009, The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD) seeks an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903, to abandon: (1) a 21.15-mile line of railroad extending from milepost 241.35 east of Crane, IN, to milepost 262.50 in Bedford, IN (Crane-Bedford Line); and (2) a track extending from the Crane-Bedford Line at approximately milepost 262.40 and proceeding in an open counter-clockwise loop for approximately 1.65 miles (Bedford Industrial Track).

Letters of protest and requests for public hearing have been filed or submitted by: The Honorable Baron Hill, United States Congressman; Brent Steele, Indiana State Senator; Eric Koch, Indiana State Representative; Sandy Blanton, Indiana State Representative; David Bower, City of Salem Mayor; Shawna Girgis, City of Bedford Mayor; Dan Terrell, City of Mitchell Mayor; Douglas England, City of New Albany Mayor; David Branneman, Lawrence County Tourism Commission Executive Director; Gene McCracken, Lawrence County Economic Growth Council Executive Director; Adele Bowden-Purlee, Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce President; Richard Wilson, on behalf of Radius Indiana; Citizens Against Rails-to-Trails; and several landowners. INRD has filed no response to the requests.

The Board will grant the requests by holding a public meeting at a time and place to be determined. The meeting will be conducted by Board staff and will be held in Indiana to allow interested persons to appear and present their views.

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

It is ordered:

1. A public meeting conducted by Board staff will be held at a time and place to be determined.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.