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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 623X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.–ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION–IN PUTNAM COUNTY, IN

Decided: May 5, 2003

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F–Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 0.47-mile line of railroad between milepost 00Q-189.18 (north side of Grant Street) and the end of track at milepost 00Q-189.65, in Cloverdale, Putnam County, IN. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on October 16, 2002 (67 FR 63962-63).

By decision served November 13, 2002, the proceeding was reopened at the request of the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and the exemption was made subject to the condition that CSXT retain its interest in the line until completion of the section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f. By letter dated March 31, 2003, the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) informed SEA that it concurs with the Board's finding that there are no historic properties or archaeological resources that would be adversely affected by the project. Therefore, SEA recommends that the section 106 condition imposed in the November 13 decision be removed. Accordingly, the proceeding will be reopened, and the previously imposed historic preservation condition will be removed.¹

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

¹ The November 13 decision also imposed an environmental condition that required CSXT to consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and provide NGS with 90 days' notice prior to disturbing or destroying the geodetic markers on the line in order to plan for their relocation. That condition remains.

It is ordered:

1. Upon reconsideration, the section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the decision served November 13, 2002, is removed.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary