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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 21X)

THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY—ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION—LINE IN WARREN COUNTY, MS

Decided: May 21, 2008

By decision served February 22, 2008 (February 22 Decision), the Board set the terms and conditions under 49 U.S.C. 10904(f)(1) for Raymond B. English (English) and James Riffin (Riffin) (collectively, Offerors) to jointly purchase 1.9 miles of rail line (the Segment) and for Riffin individually to purchase an additional 2.35 miles of the same line (the Remainder) from The Kansas City Southern Railway Company. In the February 22 Decision, the Board set May 22, 2008, as the deadline for closing of the transaction under the Board's offer of financial assistance procedures.

On May 20, 2008, English filed a motion to withdraw his offer to purchase the Segment. To allow the Board to consider the effect of English's latest filing on this proceeding, a housekeeping stay will be imposed to stay the closing until further order of the Board. The parties will be permitted to file by May 28, 2008, pleadings addressing the effect of English's motion to withdraw his offer to purchase the Segment. Replies will be due by June 2, 2008.

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

It is ordered:

1. The closing of the transaction under the Board's offer of financial assistance procedures is stayed pending further order of the Board.
2. The parties may file by May 28, 2008, pleadings addressing the effect of English's motion to withdraw his offer to purchase the Segment. Replies are due by June 2, 2008.

3. This decision will be effective on its service date.

By the Board, Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman.

Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary