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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-515 (Sub-No. 2)

CENTRAL OREGON & PACIFIC RAILROAD, INC.—ABANDONMENT AND  
DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE—IN COOS, DOUGLAS, AND LANE COUNTIES, OR

Decided: July 29, 2008

On July 14, 2008, the Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. (CORP) filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 10903 for permission to abandon and discontinue service over portions of a line of railroad known as the Coos Bay Subdivision. CORP seeks authority to abandon certain portions of the Coos Bay Subdivision that it owns, namely the line extending from milepost 669.0 near Vaughn to milepost 763.13 near Cordes, a distance of 94.13 miles in Coos, Douglas, and Lane Counties, OR. CORP also seeks authority to discontinue service over the portions of the Coos Bay Subdivision that it leases, (1) the Coquille Branch extending from milepost 763.13 near Cordes to milepost 785.5 near Coquille, a distance of 22.37 miles, in Coos County, OR; and (2) the LPN Branch extending between CORP milepost 738.8 and LPN Branch milepost 2.0, a distance of 2.0 miles, in Douglas County, OR.

Oregon Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski, United States Senators Gordon H. Smith and Ron Wyden of Oregon; Representative Peter A. DeFazio of Oregon; Oregon Senators Floyd Prozanski and Joanne Verger; State Representatives Susan Morgan, Jean Cowan, and Arnie Roblan; Lane County; and the Coos-Siskiyou Shippers Coalition have requested a public hearing in Oregon to permit interested persons to voice their concerns about the proposed abandonment.

Because this proceeding involves issues of significant importance to the people of Oregon, the Board will grant the requests for a public hearing to be held in Oregon. The time and location will be determined by Board order that is expected to be issued on August 1, 2008.

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 hearing conducted by the Board will be held in Oregon at a time and place to be determined.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary