

31877
DO

SERVICE DATE - MAY 16, 2001

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-468 (Sub-No. 4X)

PADUCAH & LOUISVILLE RAILWAY, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN HOPKINS COUNTY, KY

Decided: May 11, 2001

Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. (P&L) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a line of railroad between milepost 154.5, near St. Charles, and milepost 159.6, near Ilsley, a distance of approximately 5.1 miles in Hopkins County, KY (line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 6, 2001 (66 FR 18355). The exemption was scheduled to become effective on May 8, 2001.

By decision served May 7, 2001, 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 P&L retain its interest in the line until completion of the section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f. On May 7, 2001, SEA received from the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer a stamped indication that the proposed abandonment will have no effect on historic properties. Because this completes the section 106 process, SEA recommends that the historic preservation condition imposed in the May 7, 2001 decision be removed. The condition will accordingly be removed.

This action 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 May 7, 2001, is removed.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary