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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 618)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.–DISCONTINUANCE–
AT MEMPHIS, IN SHELBY COUNTY, TN

PETITION FOR STAY

Decided: November 21, 2002

In a decision served on October 28, 2002, the Board granted CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), authority to discontinue service over a 1.1-mile portion of its Midwest Region, Nashville Division, Memphis Terminal line between milepost ONI 224.0, at Memphis, TN, and milepost ONI 222.9 east of Memphis, in Shelby County, TN, subject to standard employee protective conditions. The decision is scheduled to become effective on November 27, 2002.

On November 12, 2002, Bolen-Brunson-Bell Lumber Company, Inc., filed a petition to stay the effective date of the Board's decision pending disposition of its petition to reopen filed with the stay. CSXT replied opposing the stay and reopening.

In light of the issues raised, until the Board has had an opportunity to consider the petition to reopen, a postponement of the effective date is appropriate. The Board expects to act promptly on that petition. This postponement is issued for "housekeeping" purposes only, to permit the orderly consideration of the arguments raised.

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

It is ordered:

1. The effective date of the October 28, 2002 decision is stayed pending further action of the Board.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Linda J. Morgan, Chairman.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary