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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 587X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.--ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION--IN CLARK COUNTY, IN

Decided: May 22, 2001

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments to abandon a .20-mile line of railroad between milepost B-40.60 and milepost B-40.80 at Charlestown, in Clark County, IN. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 27, 2001 (66 FR 21194-95). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on May 29, 2001.

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) in this proceeding on May 4, 2001. In the EA, SEA states that the Indiana Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has not completed its review of the proposed abandonment. Therefore, SEA recommends the imposition of a condition requiring 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 (NHPA). The recommended condition will be imposed.

This decision 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 exemption of the abandonment of the line described above is subject to the condition that CSXT retain its interest in the line until completion of the section 106 process of the NHPA.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary