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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
Washington, DC 20423

STB Docket No. AB-855 (Sub-No. 1X)

A & R LINE, INC.–ABANDONMENT  
EXEMPTION–IN CASS AND PULASKI COUNTIES, IN

STB Docket No. AB-847 (Sub-No. 2X)

TOLEDO, PEORIA & WESTERN RAILWAY CORPORATION–DISCONTINUANCE OF  
SERVICE EXEMPTION–IN CASS AND PULASKI COUNTIES, IN

January 6, 2004

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES:

On September 29, 2003, the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment (EA), which described the length of the line sought to be abandoned and discontinued as 15.9 miles. On December 23, 2003, Counsel for A&R Line, Inc., and the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation (carriers) filed a “Motion to Amend the Pleadings and Decisions and Hold Offer of Financial Assistance Process in Abeyance.”<sup>1</sup> Included in the motion was a request for the Board to amend the pleadings and decisions to reflect the correct length of the line as 21 miles. According to the carriers, the pleadings contained incorrect information pertaining to the total mileage involved in this proceeding, and this misstatement of the mileage occurred because there are currently two milepost designations, Milepost 5.1W and Milepost 0.0, for the same location.

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<sup>1</sup> The Board is currently considering the motion.

Therefore, the EA should have stated that the line runs from Milepost 0.0, near Kenneth, to Milepost 21.0W, near Winamac, for a total distance of 21 miles. SEA considered the impact that the abandonment and discontinuance would have on the area between Kenneth and Winamac, which covered the full 21 miles of the line. Therefore, all other information in the EA remains unchanged.

Please correct your copies accordingly.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary