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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 615X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.–Discontinuance Exemption–(Between East of
Memphis and Cordova) in Shelby County, TN

On March 29, 2002, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue service over 12.24 miles of its Midwest Region, Nashville Division, Memphis Terminal extending between milepost ONI 222.9, east of Memphis, and milepost ONI 210.66, near Cordova, at the end of the line, in Shelby County, TN.¹ The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 38111, 38112, 38117, 38120, 38122, and 38018 and includes the station of Cordova at milepost ONI 210.66.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CSXT's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

¹ CSXT previously filed a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon 13.34 miles of rail line, extending from milepost ONI 224.00 near Memphis, to milepost ONI 210.66 near Cordova. The Board denied the petition in CSX Transportation, Inc.–Abandonment Exemption–(Between Memphis and Cordova) in Shelby County, TN, STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 590X) (STB served Dec. 12, 2001) because a shipper opposed the abandonment of a segment of the line and CSXT did not provide sufficient economic data for the Board to reach an informed decision on the merits of the abandonment petition. The Board's denial of the petition was without prejudice to CSXT's refiling an appropriate abandonment application or a petition for exemption. The Board stated that CSXT may choose to bifurcate the proposal between the two segments (opposed and unopposed) and file them independently.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by July 17, 2002.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 615X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005. Replies to the CSXT petition are due on or before May 8, 2002.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1552. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested

persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment or discontinuance proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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Decided: April 11, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary