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SERVICE DATE - SEPTEMBER 24, 1999

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB SERVICE ORDER NO. 1522

VERMONT RAILWAY, INC.
REQUEST FOR SERVICE ORDER UNDER 49 U.S.C. 11123

Decided: September 23, 1999

On September 13, 1999, the Vermont Railway, Inc. (VTR) filed a request for a service order under 49 U.S.C. 11123 for the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to direct and authorize VTR, or a subsidiary, (1) to operate over an approximately 14-mile rail line in Vermont between Montpelier Junction and Graniteville, that is owned by the State of Vermont, and (2) to exercise "closed-door" trackage rights over the lines in Vermont of the New England Central Railroad, Inc., between Burlington and Montpelier Junction, both for a period of up to 30 days.

On September 14, 1999, VTR withdrew its request for a service order and VTR filed a notice for a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR 1150, Subpart C, to operate the 14-mile line between Montpelier Junction and Graniteville. See Vermont Railway, Inc.—Modified Rail Certificate, STB Finance Docket No. 33800 (STB served Sept. 24, 1999). In view of the withdrawal of the service order request, the service order proceeding will be discontinued.

It is ordered:

1. Permission is granted for VTR to withdraw its service order request, and the proceeding in STB Service Order 1522 is discontinued.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary