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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-468 (Sub-No. 2X)

PADUCAH & LOUISVILLE RAILWAY, INC.--ABANDONMENT  
EXEMPTION--IN WHITE PLAINS AND ST. CHARLES, KY

Decided: December 14, 1998

Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. (P&L), filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 8.50 miles of its line of railroad between milepost J-146.0 at White Plains and milepost J-154.5 near St. Charles, in Hopkins County, KY. Notice of the exemption was served and published in Federal Register on July 25, 1997 (62 FR 40137-38).

By decision and notice of interim trail use (NITU) served August 25, 1997, the exemption was conditioned on the requirement that P&L, concurrent with any sale of the right-of-way, consult with appropriate officials of the City of White Plains (City) regarding access to the City's drainage system which is located along the P&L right-of-way. On December 3, 1998, P&L submitted a letter dated October 29, 1998, stating that the City of White Plains acknowledges that its concerns regarding the abandonment have been satisfactorily resolved.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the proceeding will be reopened and the condition removed.

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 condition imposed in the decision served on August 25, 1997, is removed.

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<sup>1</sup> The August 25, 1997 decision also imposed a 180-day public use condition. The NITU and the public use condition expired on February 22, 1998.

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3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary