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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 589X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.--ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION--IN LOGAN COUNTY, WV

Decided: June 28, 2001

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 1.63-mile line of railroad between milepost CMA 0.00 at Stollings and milepost CMA 1.63 at Fort Branch, in Logan County, WV. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on May 25, 2001 (66 FR 28943-44).

By decision served June 22, 2001, the proceeding was reopened at the request of the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and the exemption was made subject to the conditions that CSXT: (1) retain its interest in the line in its entirety until completion of the section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act; and (b) consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and provide NGS with 90 days' notice prior to disturbing or destroying any geodetic station markers. On June 18, 2001, CSXT submitted a letter from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History stating that the line proposed for abandonment is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, SEA recommends that the historic preservation condition imposed in the June 22, 2001 decision be removed.¹

As conditioned, 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 section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the decision served June 22, 2001, is removed.

¹ The NGS condition imposed in the June 22 decision remains in effect.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary