

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-850X

ST. CROIX VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY—ABANDONMENT AND
DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION—IN PINE AND KANABEC
COUNTIES, MN

Decided: March 29, 2007

By decision served on July 7, 2003 (July 7 decision), the Board granted St. Croix Valley Railroad Company (SCXY) an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to: (1) abandon its rail easement over a line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) between milepost 58.3 at Mora Junction (Brook Park) and milepost 47.6 at Mora, a distance of 10.7 miles, and (2) discontinue rail service pursuant to overhead trackage rights over a rail line of BNSF between Hinckley and Mora Junction (Brook Park), a distance of 8.2 miles, in Pine and Kanabec Counties, MN, subject to environmental and standard employee protective conditions.¹

On March 6, 2007, SCXY filed a petition for issuance of a corrected decision. SCXY states that it was informed by BNSF that the milepost designation for Mora was incorrectly stated in SCXY's petition and in the Board's July 7 decision. The location of Mora corresponds to milepost 47.0, not milepost 47.6.² SCXY also states that there are no shippers located on the line between milepost 47.0 and milepost 47.6. Inasmuch as the geographic location of the terminal point was correctly stated and no additional shippers are involved, no parties have been prejudiced by this discrepancy. Accordingly, the decision will be corrected to indicate the actual milepost that corresponds to Mora.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

¹ By decision and notice of trail use or abandonment served on August 6, 2003, the proceeding was reopened and the July 7, 2003 decision was modified to implement interim trail use/rail banking under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29 and to include a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 and 49 CFR 1152.28 (which has expired).

² The length of the involved line is thus evidently approximately 11.3 miles.

It is ordered:

1. This proceeding is reopened.
2. The decision that was served by the Board on July 7, 2003, exempting the abandonment of the line described, is modified as requested to change the referenced “milepost 47.6” to “milepost 47.0.”
3. This decision is effective on the date of service.

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

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary