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DECISION

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INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMPANY--ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION--IN WISE COUNTY, VA

Decided: November 5, 1997

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The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) in this proceeding on October 21, 1997, preliminarily concluding that, as currently proposed, abandonment of the line will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is unnecessary. SEA requested comments by October 31, 1997.

On October 30, 1997, the Southwest Regional Office of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) submitted comments requesting that Interstate comply with applicable Federal and state regulations governing air and quality in conducting salvage activities. SEA recommends that a condition be imposed requiring Interstate to consult with the Virginia DEQ to determine adequate soil and erosion control methods prior to removing rails from the line being abandoned.

The recommended condition will be imposed. 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 exemption of the abandonment of the rail line described above is subject to the condition that Interstate shall consult with the Virginia Department of

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