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DECISION

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

S.B. Docket No. AB-444X

Decided: October 24, 1996

LAMOILLE VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY--ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE
OF SERVICE EXEMPTION--IN FRANKLIN AND LAMOILLE COUNTIES, VT

Notice of Lamoille Valley Railroad Company's (LVRC) exemption to abandon and discontinue service over 44.4 miles of railroad line from railroad milepost 95.324, in Swanton, to railroad milepost 94.288, in Swanton, and from railroad milepost 92.000 in Highgate, to railroad milepost 48.614 in Morrisville, in Franklin and Lamoille Counties, VT (Line), was served and published in the Federal Register on September 18, 1996 (61 FR 49191) by the Surface Transportation Board (Board). In addition, on October 17, 1996, a decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment was served. The exemption became effective on October 18, 1996.

On October 17, 1996, LVRC filed a request to withdraw its Notice of Exemption. LVRC states that certain Vermont elected officials and local economic planning agencies have expressed a willingness to commit financial and other resources to assist LVRC in its efforts to rehabilitate and restore rail traffic to the Line.

LVRC's request will be granted.

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

It is ordered:

1. The notice served and published in the Federal Register on September 18, 1996' and the decision served October 17, 1996, in this proceeding, are vacated.
2. This proceeding is dismissed.
3. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, David M.-Konschnik, Director, office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary