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SERVICE DATE - MAY 6, 1998

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33580

CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS
--OPERATION EXEMPTION--

Decided: April 30, 1998

On April 20, 1998, the City of Rochelle, Illinois filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to assume and commence active operation of approximately 2.06 miles of rail trackage in the City of Rochelle, Illinois. The line is owned by the City, and is being operated by the Rochelle Railroad Co.¹

By letter dated April 20, 1998, the City of Rochelle, acting by its counsel, requests that the notice of exemption be withdrawn. In view of the withdrawal, the proceeding will be dismissed.²

It is ordered:

1. The request to withdraw the notice of exemption is granted and the proceeding in STB Finance Docket No. 33580 is dismissed.

2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ On April 23, 1998, Rochelle Railroad Co. filed a petition to reject the notice or revoke the exemption.

² The withdrawal of the notice of exemption renders the petition to reject or revoke moot.