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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 698X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN

On December 18, 2009, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue service over a 62.3-mile line of railroad on its Northern Region, Louisville Division, Hoosier Subdivision, between milepost 00Q 251.7, near Bedford, and milepost 00Q 314.0, near New Albany, in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN.¹ The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 47150, 47172, 47106, 47143, 47165, 47167, 47108, 47452, 47446, and 47421, and includes the stations of Orleans, Leipsic, Campbellsburg, Salem, Pekin, and Borden.

CSXT states that the line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CSXT's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

¹ CSXT owns the line and acknowledges that it cannot abandon the line until its subsidiary, The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD) discontinues service under the trackage rights it obtained in the The Indiana Rail Road Company—Acquisition—Soo Line Railroad Company, STB Finance Docket No. 34783 (STB served Apr. 11, 2006).

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co.–Abandonment–Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by April 7, 2010.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) for subsidy under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,500 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).²

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 698X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Ave., Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204. Replies to the petition are due on or before January 27, 2010.

Persons seeking further information concerning discontinuance procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0238 or refer to the full abandonment and discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the

² Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate. Similarly, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(2) and 1105.8.

hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at “WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.”

Decided: December 31, 2009.

By the Board, Joseph H. Dettmar, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.