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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-459 (Sub-No. 2X)]

Central Railroad Company of Indiana--Abandonment Exemption--  
in Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ripley, and Shelby Counties, IN

On January 14, 1998, Central Railroad Company of Indiana (CIND) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Shelbyville Line, extending from approximately railroad milepost 23.0, near Thatcher station and the town of Greendale, to approximately railroad milepost 81.0, near Shelbyville, a distance of approximately 58 miles, in Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ripley, and Shelby Counties, IN. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 47025, 47022, 47550, 47041, 47033, 47006, 47263, 47240, 47272, 46182, and 46176. The line includes the stations of Sunman, IN (milepost 39.9), Morris, IN (milepost 45.5), Batesville, IN (milepost 48.0), New Point, IN (milepost 54.0), Greensburg, IN (milepost 63.0), Adams, IN (milepost 68.0), Saint Paul, IN (milepost 73.0), and Waldron, IN (milepost 75.2).

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

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 issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by May 4, 1998.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) 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 \$900 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than February 23, 1998. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

An original and 10 copies of all filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-459 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy must be served on petitioner's representative: Jo A. DeRoche, Weiner, Brodsky, Sidman & Kider, P.C., Suite 800, 1350 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005-4797.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis

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(SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Decided: January 27, 1998.

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

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