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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 801X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, WV*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed please find an email dated June 23, 2020 from the National Geodetic Survey stating that if a mark will be disturbed by the abandonment, CSXT should consult with NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic marks identified nearby.

CSXT is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

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From: deborah.brooks <ngs.infocenter@noaa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Melanie Yasbin
Subject: [JIRA] (IMOV-6753) CSX Transportation, Inc.--Abandonment Exemption--in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, WV STB Docket No. AB-55 Sub-No. 801X)

A comment is added on your issue:

Re: CSX Transportation, Inc.--Abandonment Exemption--in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, WV STB Docket No. AB-55 Sub-No. 801X)

Thank you for informing the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) of CSX Transportation, Inc. CSXT)'s decision to abandon a 6.39-mile rail line on its Florence Division, Sewell Subdivision, between mileposts CAF 20.61 and milepost CAF 27.0 near Rainelle in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, WV.

There could be geodetic survey marks located in the area described, and any marks still present could be disturbed by the abandonment. While it is illegal to disturb or destroy a mark, sometimes disturbing or destroying a mark is unavoidable. In such cases, the mark can often be preserved or reset with advanced planning. NGS provides the public with tools to search for and locate survey marks, see the NGS Data Explorer (<https://geodesy.noaa.gov/NGSDataExplorer/>).

If a mark will be disturbed by the abandonment, CSXT should consult with NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic marks identified nearby. Information is available online to help reset marks or report disturbed/destroyed marks: <https://geodesy.noaa.gov/surveys/mark-recovery/index.shtml> <<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://geodesy.noaa.gov/surveys/mark-recovery/index.shtml&sa=D&ust=1560385764139000&usg=AFQjCNGDkoXCHtBcDJBsXm2KQLkhwYDxQ>>.

This notice is also being shared with Jeff Jalbrzikowski (jeff.jalbrzikowski@noaa.gov, 240-988-5486) the Regional Geodetic Advisor, so he may work with any interested local agencies or stakeholders.

If you have additional questions, email NGS.InfoCenter@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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More information on preserving marks, mark resets, and destroyed marks.

Preserving Marks

Significant resources were invested to create an extensive geodetic network across the United States by establishing precise coordinates at physical

survey marks. Disturbing or destroying these marks reduces geodetic control available to local surveyors, so please make every effort to preserve this valuable network.

Mark Resets

If a mark is about to be destroyed (e.g., due to planned construction), it may be possible to reset the mark and retain the geodetic control. Review the Bench Mark Reset Procedures (https://geodesy.noaa.gov/PUBS_LIB/Benchmark_4_1_2011.pdf) or contact your closest geodetic advisor (<https://geodesy.noaa.gov/ADVISORS/index.shtml>). Please do not attempt to reset a mark that has been separated from the base. Any remnants of destroyed marks must be properly discarded and not reused in any manner, as this is a violation of Federal law.

Destroyed Marks

If it is determined that a mark has been destroyed, please provide enough photo evidence to show how this determination was made. To submit this information to NGS, follow the instructions regarding “destroyed marks” on the Mark Recovery Entry web page (https://geodesy.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/recvy_entry_www.prl)