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TRANSPORTATION

Dave Geraci

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October 7, 2009

Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: CSXT Abandonment
McMinn County, TN
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 699X)

Dear STB - SEA:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Petition for Exemption filed on September 21, 2009, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find copies of the following:

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form dated October 1, 2009 from Ms. Deb Tuck - Regulatory Specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stating "No Environmental Impact. No permit required.."

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form dated September 9, 2009 from Mr. Anthony Casteel - (Athens) Community Development Director stating "No Environmental Impact."

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form dated September 3, 2009 from Mr. William Dailey - District Conservationist (NRCS) stating "No Environmental Impact."

Letter dated September 1, 2009 from Mr. Andy Binford of the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation stating "After reviewing your maps and our project files, we concluded that we do not have any known DoR issues associated with the location of the rail."

Letter dated September 15, 2009 from Ms. Mary Jennings - Field Supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stating "No significant adverse impacts to wetlands or federally listed endangered or threatened species are anticipated from this proposal."

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: Ms. Kate Barney, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 699X

Notice of Exemption from Railroad Milepost OKW 333.4 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost OKW 333.62, a distance of 0.22 mile in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee. *Oostanula Creek Crossing*

Agency response (check one):

No Environmental Impact, *No Permit Required*

Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

Date: 10-1-09

Signature: *Deb Tuck*

Name: *Deb Tuck*

Title: *Regulatory Specialist, USACE*

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 699X

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Agency response (check one):

No Environmental Impact

_____ Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

Date:

Sept 9, 2009

Signature:



Name:

ANTHONY CASTEEL

Title:

Community Development Director

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 699X

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Agency response (check one):

No Environmental Impact

Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

Date:

9/03/09

Signature:

William A. Oriley

Name:

William A. Oriley

Title:

District Conservationist



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

Division of Remediation
401 Church Street
4th Floor, L&C Annex
Nashville, TN 37243

September 1, 2009

Mr. Dave Geraci
CSX Transportation-Network Rationalization
500 Water Street – J200
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dave_geraci@csx.com

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 699X)

Dear Mr. Geraci:

The Division of Remediation (DoR) has received your request for property inquiry dated August 21, 2009 concerning the CSX Transportation, Inc.-Proposed Abandonment, Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 699X). After reviewing your maps and our project files, we concluded that we do not have any known DoR issues associated with the location of the rail.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to call Troy Keith, our Chattanooga DoR Field Office Manager, at (423) 634-5755.

Sincerely,


Andy Binford

RAB:TRK:mdd

cc: Chattanooga Field Office Files
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August 21, 2009

US Fish & Wildlife Service
Region 4
Century Center
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Atlanta, GA 30345

No significant adverse impacts to wetlands
or federally listed endangered or threatened
species are anticipated from this proposal.

Mary Jennings 9-15-09
Field Supervisor Date

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Proposed Abandonment Cookeville, TN 38501
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 699X)

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Dear US F&WS:

Please be advised that on September 21, 2009, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 0.22 mile of railroad from Railroad Milepost OKW 333.4 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost OKW 333.62 in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee.

This segment of rail line was approved for abandonment by the Board in 2001 under Docket AB 55 Sub No. 586X, however the consummation has expired. Therefore CSXT is required to re-submit a new application for abandonment.

Attached is a preliminary Environmental Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental effects. We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the Board's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. Before this Report is finalized and submitted to the Board, we will incorporate into it any comments that we receive from you. Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental impacts of the contemplated action. If any of the information is incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, 395 East Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423, telephone (202) 245-0230 and refer to the above Docket Numbers. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your comments to SEA (with copy to me) within three weeks would be appreciated.

For your convenience, the attached form and self addressed stamped envelope will allow you to expedite the environmental review.

If your comments have not been received by October 21, 2009, CSXT will take the position before the Board that there are no environmental impacts for the proposed abandonment within your agency's jurisdiction.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me directly by telephone at (904) 633-1068, by e-mail or U.S. mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Attachments

Copy: STB - SEA, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423