
ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

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**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
Logan County, West Virginia
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 763X)**

The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7:

(1) PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSXT proposes to abandon approximately 3.29 miles of its common carrier obligation between from Railroad Milepost CLX 0.0 to Railroad Milepost CLX 3.29 from Man to Garnette, Logan County West Virginia.

The above referenced 3.29-mile line has not generated any originating or terminating traffic in over two (2) years.

The purpose of the proposed action is to abandon our common carrier obligation over the line and establish interim trail use/rail banking in order to preserve the contiguous corridor.

A Rail to Trails Group has expressed interest in acquiring the line under a Notice of Interim Trail Use and Rail Banking (NITU) with the Surface Transportation Board. An NITU will allow for the line to salvaged or sold while also rail banking the right-of-way for future reconstruction and reactivation of rail service should the coal reserves in the vicinity become active.

A map which delineates the proposed project is attached. (See Attachment 1)

Further attached is a distribution list of all parties who have received a copy of this report. (See Attachment 2)

(2) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no passenger traffic on this line. No freight traffic will be diverted to other transportation systems. There will be no effect on existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns.

(3) LAND USE

- (i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant has not received a response to its June 17, 2016 or July 27, 2016 inquiries to the WVDOT Stat Rail Authority or to the Logan County Commission requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachments 3 & 4)

Applicant has received a response to its June 17, 2016 and July 27, 2016 inquiries to the Office of the Governor stating *"Your Correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate division in my office for further review"* dated June 21, and August 2, 2016. (See Attachment 5)

Based on the fact that the right-of-way will be rail banked in order to preserve the contiguous corridor we feel this action is not inconsistent with local land use plans.

- (ii) Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.**

Applicant has not received a response to its June 17, 2016 or July 27 inquiries to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service in Beckley, WV. (See

Attachment 6)

While some prime farmland may exist in the vicinity of this project, Applicant feels the simple removal of track material should not have an adverse impact.

- (iii) **If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9.**

The State of West Virginia does not have a Coastal Zone Management System.

Applicant feels the simple removal of track material should not have an adverse impact on any coastal zone, land or water uses.

- (iv) **If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right of way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.**

The properties proposed to be abandoned may be suitable for other public purposes and the corridor preserved under interim trail use/rail banking in order to preserve the contiguous corridor.

(4) ENERGY

- (i) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of energy resources.

- (ii) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

- (iii) **State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.**

The proposed action will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

- (iv) **If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and**

methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

There will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage.

(5) AIR

- (i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act; and will it result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of a least 50% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of a least 20% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity, the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restriction); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

Not applicable.

(6) NOISE

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more, or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(7) SAFETY

- (i) **Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).**

Applicant believes that the abandonment will have no effect on public health or safety.

- (ii) **If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.**

Not applicable.

- (iii) **If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right of way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.**

Applicant's records do not indicate any known hazardous material spills or hazardous waste sites.

(8) BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (i) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describes the effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its June 17, 2016 or July 27, 2016 inquiries to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Hadley, MA requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 7)

Based upon Applicant's intention to remove only the track material and the upper layer of ballast, we do not believe that any federally endangered or threatened species will be negatively affected or critical habitats modified if the line is abandoned.

- (ii) **State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its June 17, or July 27, 2016 inquiries to the National Park Service located in Philadelphia, PA. (See Attachment 8)

Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the line is not within any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests.

(9) WATER

- (i) **Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant has not received a response to its June 17 or July 27, 2016 inquiries to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 9)

Applicant does not contemplate any action known to be inconsistent with federal, state and/or local water quality standards. Any necessary permits or applications will be obtained as well as compliance with conditions or procedures required by regulatory agencies.

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its June 17 or July 27, 2016 inquiries to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Huntington West Virginia requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 10)

Applicant is not aware of any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains within the proposed project.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. Applicant does not intend to disturb any of the

underlying road-bed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The cross-ties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways. Based upon this course of action, Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

- (iii) **State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required).**

Applicant has not received a response to its June 17 or July 27, 2016 inquiries to the U.S. Regional EPA, Region 3 Office in Philadelphia, PA requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 11)

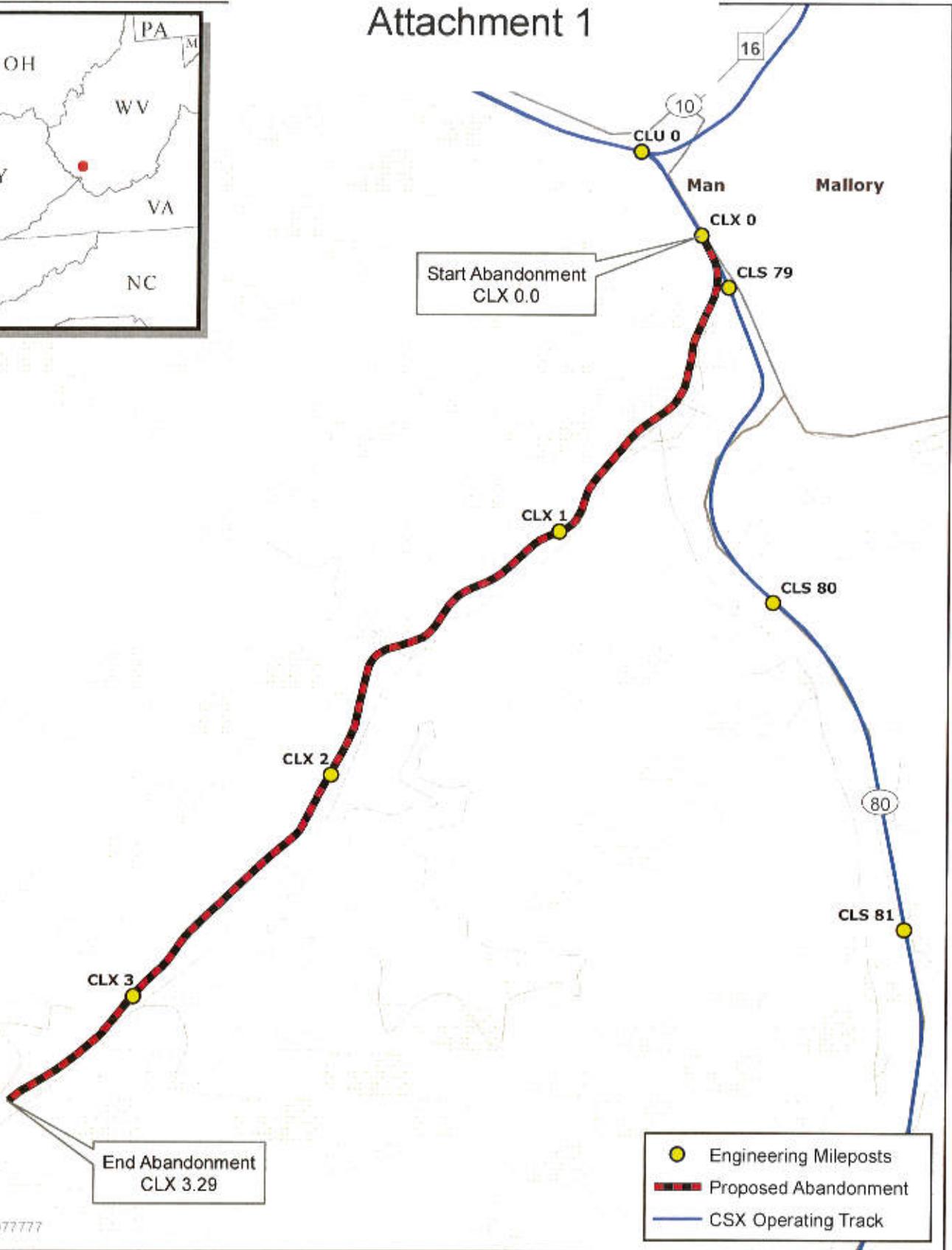
Based upon the course of action described in Section 9 (ii), Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

10. MITIGATION

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Applicant does not believe there will be any adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment. However, Applicant will comply with reasonable State and Federal regulations and obtain any necessary permits required.

Attachment 1



- Engineering Mileposts
- ▬ Proposed Abandonment
- ▬ CSX Operating Track

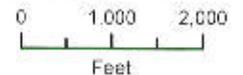
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CSX Real Property Inc.

CSX Transportation, Inc. Proposed Abandonment Man to Garnette

Milepost CLX 0.0 - CLX 3.29 (3.29 Miles)
Logan County, WV
Florence Division - Logan Subdivision
STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 763X)



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U.S. Department of Agriculture
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465 Ragland Road
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U.S. EPA
Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Huntington District
502 8th Street
Huntington, WV 25701-2070

National Park Service-Northeast Region
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street, Fifth Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Northeast Regional Office
300 Westgate Center Drive
Hadley, MA 01035-9589

Office of the Governor-Earl Ray Tomblin
State Capitol
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

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Logan County Commission
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Attachment 3

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June 17, 2016

West Virginia Department of Transportation
State Rail Authority
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120 Water Plant Drive
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Dear Ms. Butler;

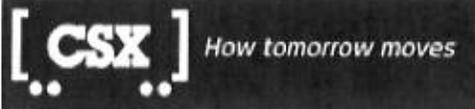
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Sincerely,

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July 27, 2016

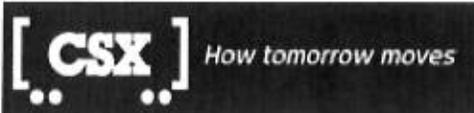
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June 17, 2016

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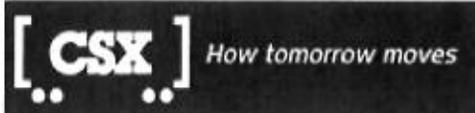
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EARL RAY TOMBLIN
GOVERNOR

June 21, 2016

Ms. Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services
CSX
500 Water Street-J-315
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Dear Ms. Burroughs:

Thank you for contacting my office. I appreciate your thoughts and concerns, and particularly the time you took to send them to me.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate division in my office for further review.

Please accept my most sincere best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

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Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

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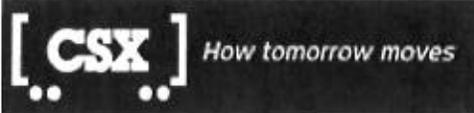
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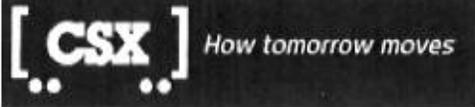
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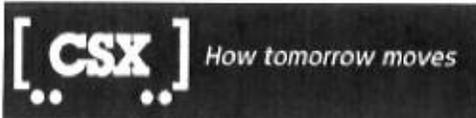
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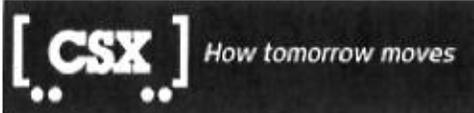
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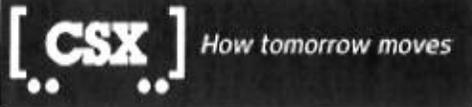
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U.S. Custom House
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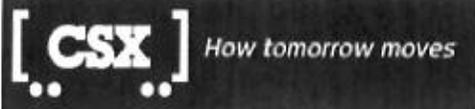
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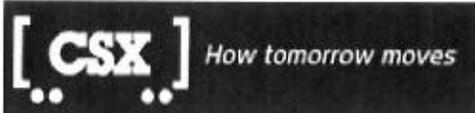
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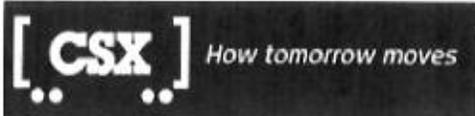
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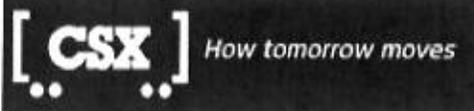
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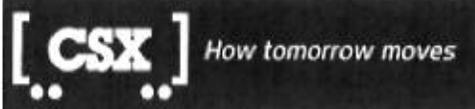
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Huntington District

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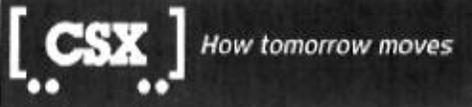
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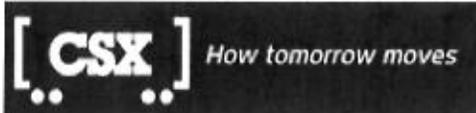
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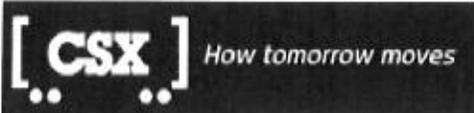
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Dear Sir/Madam;

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc. - Proposed Abandonment - STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 763X)

Please be advised that on or about September 1, 2016 CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) is considering to file with the Surface Transportation STB (STB) a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon common carrier obligation in the Southern Region, Florence Division, Logan Subdivision from Railroad Milepost CLX 0.0 to CLX 3.29. The distance is approximately 3.29 miles from Man to Garnette, Logan County, West Virginia as depicted on the attached map. STB Docket number AB 55 (Sub-No. 736X).

Attached is a preliminary Environmental Report describing the proposed action and includes information we have received from your agencies. We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. Before this Report is finalized and submitted to the STB, we will incorporate into it any comments that we receive from you. Your comments will be considered by the STB 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 STB's environmental review process, please contact the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423, telephone (202) 245-0230 and refer to the above Docket Number. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your comments to OEA (with copy to me) within twenty days, would be appreciated.



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Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services

For your convenience, a response form is enclosed. You may email the response to Jo_Burroughs@CSX.com or you may return the form in the self-addressed return envelope which is also enclosed for your convenience.

If your comments have not been received by August 19, 2016, CSXT will take the position before the STB 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) 359-1247 or by the above email address.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Burroughs

Attachments

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



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June 17, 2016

National Geodetic Survey
Mr. Simon Monroe
NGS.InfoCenter@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Monroe:

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) is considering to file with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon our common carrier obligation in the Southern Region, Huntington East Division, Logan Subdivision, from Railroad Milepost CLX 0.0 to CLX 3.29. The distance is approximately 3.29 miles from Man to Garnette WV. STB Docket number AB 55 (Sub-No. 763X).

The approximate 3.29 mile line segment is a dead end spur as depicted on the attached map. There has been no traffic on the line for at least two (2) years.

The Hatfield – McCoy Regional Recreation Authority has expressed interest in acquiring the line under a Notice of Interim Trail Use and Rail Banking (NITU) with the Surface Transportation Board. An NITU will allow for the line to be salvaged or sold while also rail banking the right-of-way for future reconstruction and reactivation of rail service should the coal reserves in the vicinity become active.

The purpose of the proposed action is to abandon our common carrier obligation over the line and establish interim trail use/rail banking in order to preserve the contiguous corridor.

Please advise if there are any geodetic markers which could be affected by the proposed transaction.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Burroughs

Enclosures (2)

Burroughs, JoAnn

From: Simon Monroe <simon.monroe@noaa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 5:34 PM
To: Burroughs, JoAnn
Cc: sea@stb.dot.gov; Lucy.Hall@noaa.gov; Simon Monroe
Subject: NGS Response, STB docket AB-055 (SUB NO. 763X)

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> -- Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental
> report for MAN, Logan County, WEST VIRGINIA.
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> Approximately 00 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area
> described. If these marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, NGS
> requests 90-day advance notice to attempt their relocation. These
> marks are described below. Additional advice is provided at
> http://secure-web.cisco.com/1VbnYHQbChN9zXgcbXbZAR-ycgqwZ3VxQ1nb77RK_4ZVYE73mqd9c0Dn9LD9G1wVbH5Uh2ft56W1cvA3m9EknQPFSd8vRQy4TuLxSzjp8psG7xJt9jMtpRHIF0ZmRGdmJy--FIOot8IzZkpAilGgA-JQh7HL4ICKtAnMZ9t9v68hzNby57gODX9JihJ9W9wRabueQE0XUNxRKR5HxqKdYGt3WGAxcv9S5LTGnciON-2m0wY4fHWUSokrNwwXKtPZIGy_fr6EQOTmnKH5RCKRTUi5750np--eIWniXU_hs_LI-D_WwJ5LqZxGbzb88PCJfmknNTW8qAgy0kvh-H_Vj5IHMCjtgfJX3UnZ_WVA275KHv5IaDaMC_9pHWPPtsHp-/http%3A%2F%2Fgeodesy.noaa.gov%2Fmarks%2Frailroads%2F
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