

Hearing Process Information

Written comments, for inclusion in the hearing record, from those unable to attend the hearing or wishing to supplement their oral presentation should be received at the Bureau of Reclamation by September 6, 1995.

Note: If special assistance is required, contact Mona Jefferies-Soniea at (916) 979-2297. Please notify Ms. Jefferies-Soniea as far in advance of the hearings as possible and not later than 1 week prior to the hearing date to enable Reclamation to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requester will be notified.

Dated: July 28, 1995.

Dan M. Fults,

Acting Regional Director.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 366X)]

Burlington Northern Railroad Company; Abandonment Exemption; in Buchanan County, MO

Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BN) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon 0.85 miles of rail line between milepost 142.19 and milepost 143.04 in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, MO.

BN has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 3, 1995, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29³ must be filed by August 14, 1995. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 24, 1995, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any pleading filed with the Commission should be sent to applicant's representative: Sarah J. Whitley, Assistant General Counsel, Burlington Northern Railroad Company, 3800 Continental Plaza, 777 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-5348.

If the notice of exemption contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

BN has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environmental and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by August 9, 1995. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA is available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: July 28, 1995.

¹ A stay will be issued routinely by the Commission in those proceedings where an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made prior to the effective date of the notice of exemption. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any entity seeking a stay on environmental concerns is encouraged to file its request as soon as possible in order to permit the Commission to review and act on the request before the effective date of this exemption.

² See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

³ The Commission will accept a late-filed trail use request as long as it retains jurisdiction to do so.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-449 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Western Kentucky Railway, L.L.C.—Abandonment Exemption—in Union County, KY

Western Kentucky Railway, L.L.C. (WKR), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR Part 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon 20 miles of its line between milepost JE48.0 north of Dekoven, and milepost JE28.0 at Waverly, in Union County, KY.

WKR has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic that could move over the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 2, 1995, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to

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