

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 582X)]

**CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Discontinuance of Trackage Rights
Exemption—in Bristol County, MA**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Trackage Rights* to discontinue trackage rights over an approximately 2.5-mile line of railroad owned by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) between milepost QVJ-0.6 and milepost QVJ 3.1 near Seekonk, in Bristol County, MA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 02771 and potentially 02703.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no 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 Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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. 10502(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 December 1, 2000, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)¹ must be filed by November 13, 2000. Petitions to reopen² must be filed by November 21,

¹ Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

² Because MBTA will continue to provide rail service over the line, there is no need to provide

2000, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: October 23, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Treasury Directive Number 74-14]

Treasury Telework and Flexiplace Program

October 18, 2000.

1. Purpose

This directive establishes the Department's policy for alternative workplace arrangements. It authorizes the use of Telework programs by Treasury bureaus and offices by permitting employees to work full or part-time at approved locations other than their official duty station. This directive sets forth a program that provides an opportunity for an employee to work at an alternative work site without changing an employee's official duty station or other conditions of employment.

2. Policy

It is the policy of the Department of the Treasury to provide employees the opportunity to utilize technology in order to participate in Telework programs where practical and consistent with agency mission. Consistent with the guidance set forth in this directive, each Treasury bureau or office shall establish a Telework program that permits it to meet its specific mission while supporting teleworking.

an opportunity for trail use/rail banking or public use condition requests. Likewise, no environmental or historic documentation is required under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(6) and 1105.8.

3. Background

Teleworking is a flexible arrangement that allows an employee to work away from the traditional office or official duty station in either (1) his/her home, (2) a Telework center, such as those established by the General Services Administration (GSA) or, (3) a virtual or mobile office setting. Telework programs may be designed to allow employees to work full or part-time, depending on the mission of the bureau and the roles and responsibilities of a particular office and its employees.

Programs may be designed for purposes such as: (1) Improving the bureau's ability to recruit and retain employees in a highly competitive market, (2) achieving cost savings by reducing real property needed for office space, (3) increasing employee morale and productivity, (4) and reducing traffic congestion, energy consumption, and air pollution.

4. Definitions

The following are definitions of terms used in this document:

a. *Flexiplace*. An alternative location at which an employee is allowed to work in lieu of reporting to the official duty station. The work site is not to be considered a barrier to an employee's ability to perform such obligations as official travel, attending face-to-face meetings and communication with colleagues and customers. Flexiplace addresses the location of the work site as opposed to the work schedule.

b. *Telework*. A program permitting employees to work at designated locations including work at home or other preapproved alternative work site.

c. *Teleworker*. An employee who, with the approval of his/her supervisor, works full or part-time at locations or work sites other than the official duty station.

d. *Telework Center*. A facility established under section 210(1) of the Federal Property and Administration Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 490(1)) or other Federal law, composed of generic workstations designed to accommodate employees from different agencies. Telework centers are equipped with telecommunications and other office equipment to facilitate communication with the official duty station and other places of business, to perform daily routine work responsibilities. Telework centers are generally located in easily accessible light industrial or commercial zones near large residential areas.

e. *Full time Employee*. One who works a 40-hour workweek consisting of specific days and hours at a designated