

guidelines to OMB, as well as the October 1, 2002 deadline for issuance of final guidelines to OMB, the Department will not be able to extend the comment period for the requested length of time. However, in order to provide the public some additional time to review and send comments to us, the Department will extend the comment period for an additional two weeks. The closing date for the extended comment period will be June 17, 2002.

Instructions for filing comments may also be found in the guidelines document posted on the Department's DMS Web site. The Department will review all comments submitted in response to its draft guidelines. The comments will be available for public review on the DMS Web site.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 30, 2002.

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Deputy CIO, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34068]

Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company, Douglas M. Head, Charles H. Clay, Kent P. Shoemaker and William F. Drusch—Continuance in Control Exemption—Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Board grants an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323-25, for Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company, a Class III rail common carrier, and Douglas M. Head, Charles H. Clay, Kent P. Shoemaker and William F. Drusch, all noncarrier individuals (collectively Petitioners) to continue in control of Minnesota Prairie Line, Inc.

DATES: This exemption will be effective July 6, 2002. Petitions to stay must be filed by June 21, 2002, and petitions to reopen must be filed by July 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of pleadings referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34068 to: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of pleadings to petitioners' representative: Jo A. DeRoche, Weiner Brodsky Sidman Kider PC, 1300 19th

Street, NW Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20036-1609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Dã 2 Dã Legal Copy Service, 1925 K Street, NW., Suite 405, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 293-7776. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD Services 1-800-877-8339.]

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

Decided: May 30, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 614X)]

**CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in
Richmond County, GA**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 1.60 miles of railroad from Valuation Station 0+00 at milepost ANS 0.2 to Valuation Station 84+44, in Augusta, Richmond County, GA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 30901.

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 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 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 these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the

abandonment or discontinuance 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, these exemptions will be effective on July 6, 2002, 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 1152.29 must be filed by June 17, 2002. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 26, 2002, with: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, 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*.

CSXT has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by June 11, 2002. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1552. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which, as of April 8, 2002, is set at \$1,100. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).