SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 805X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Davidson County, Tenn.


According to CSXT, in the last two years, there were two shippers on the Line, Cherokee Marine Terminals and Kenwal Steel Corporation. (Pet. 3.) CSXT states that the property on which both shippers were located has been purchased by Monroe Infrastructure, LLC (Monroe), (id.), that both shippers are no longer located on the Line, (id. at 5), and that there are no current customers on the Line, (id.). Moreover, CSXT represents that Monroe intends to redevelop the land adjacent to the Line for non-rail purposes—specifically retail, residential, and office space—and that the City has rezoned the adjacent land for residential and commercial use. (Id. at 4–5.) Thus, CSXT asserts, there are no prospects for future shippers on the Line. (Id. at 5.) CSXT seeks to abandon its interest in the Line and sell the property to Monroe to facilitate the redevelopment of the adjacent property. (Id. at 4.)

CSXT states that, based on the information in its possession, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CSXT’s possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by October 18, 2021.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 120 days after the filing of the petition for exemption, or 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption, whichever occurs sooner. Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer by July 30, 2021, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (i.e., subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(1)(i).

Following abandonment, the Line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for interim trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than August 9, 2021.1

All pleadings referring to Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 805X) should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board’s website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on CSXT’s representative, E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 202, Evesham, NJ 08052. (Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 805X) should be filed with the STB.)

All pleadings referring to Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 805X) should be filed with the STB. A final decision for the petition is due no later than August 9, 2021.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238 or refer to the full abandonment regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) at (800) 877–8339. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

A Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) (or Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS), if necessary) prepared by OEA will be served on CSXT’s representative, E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 202, Evesham, NJ 08052. (Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 805X) should be filed with the STB.)

1 Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.20(25) and (27), respectively.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 67 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates provided below.