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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1194X)

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Decided: February 3, 2020

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 1.28 miles of rail line from approximately milepost 179.52± to approximately milepost 180.80±, an out-of-service section of a rail line known as Thorne Secondary, Line Code 8206, in the City of Indianapolis, Ind. (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on January 6, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 548). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on February 5, 2020.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on January 10, 2020, solicited public comments, and issued a final EA on January 31, 2020. No environmental or historic preservation issues have been raised by any party or identified by OEA. Accordingly, a finding of no significant impact under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(g) will be made pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1011.7(a)(2)(ix).

It is ordered:

1. Abandonment of the Line will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment and conservation of energy resources or on historic resources.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.