

SERVICE DATE – MARCH 20, 2020

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 1294X

EIGHTEEN THIRTY GROUP, LLC—ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION—IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD.

Decided: March 19, 2020

On February 3, 2020, Eighteen Thirty Group, LLC (Eighteen Thirty), filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 7.54-mile rail line between milepost BAI 26.00, in Moscow, and milepost BAI 18.46, in Shaft, in Allegany County, Md. (the Line).¹ Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on February 21, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 10,203).² The exemption is scheduled to become effective on March 22, 2020.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft Environmental Assessment on February 28, 2020, solicited comments, and issued a Final Environmental Assessment on March 19, 2020. No environmental or historic preservation issues were 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. If consummation has not been effected by Eighteen Thirty's filing of a notice of consummation by February 21, 2021, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

¹ In the same jointly filed notice, Georges Creek Railway sought to discontinue service over the Line. See Georges Creek Ry.—Discontinuance Exemption—in Allegany Cty., Md., AB 1293X (STB served Feb. 21, 2020).

² The notice erroneously stated the date by which Eighteen Thirty must file its notice of consummation. The correct deadline for the filing of the notice of consummation is February 21, 2021.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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