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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 804X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN FREDERICK
COUNTY, MD.

Decided: May 27, 2021

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 0.59-mile rail line between Val Sta. 1728+23 and Val Sta. 1759+25 on its Baltimore Division, Old Main Line Subdivision, in Frederick County, Md. (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 30, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 23,029). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on May 30, 2021.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft Environmental Assessment on May 7, 2021, solicited comments, and issued a Final Environmental Assessment on May 27, 2021. 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 CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by April 30, 2022, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.