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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 183 (Sub-No. 5X)

UNION RAILROAD COMPANY, LLC—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN THE CITY
OF MCKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

Decided: August 3, 2021

Union Railroad Company, LLC (URR) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 5.4 miles of switching and terminal trackage known as the MCR Track in the City of McKeesport in Allegheny County, Pa. (the Line).¹ Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on May 21, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 27,666). The exemption became effective on June 20, 2021.

By decision served on June 17, 2021, the proceeding was reopened and the Board imposed a historic preservation condition under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. § 306108, recommended by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA).

In a Supplemental Final Environmental Assessment served on July 16, 2021, OEA states that on June 24, 2021, OEA received a copy of a letter from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, stating that it had reviewed the information submitted by URR and concluded that the proposed abandonment would have no effect on historic properties. As a result, OEA concludes that the proposed abandonment would not affect historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places and recommends that the Board remove the Section 106 condition.

Accordingly, based on OEA's recommendation, this proceeding will be reopened and the previously imposed Section 106 condition will be removed.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

¹ URR states that the Line, which does not have mileposts, is generally bounded on the north by the Monongahela River; on the east by the McKeesport/North Versailles Township line; on the south by Lysle Blvd., 5th Avenue, Bowman Avenue, and/or East Pittsburgh McKeesport Road; and on the west by the Youghioghenny River

It is ordered:

1. This proceeding is reopened.
2. Upon reconsideration, the Section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the June 17, 2021 decision is removed.
3. This decision is effective on its date of service.

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