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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Docket No. AB 979 (Sub-No. 3X)**

**Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption –  
In Hartford County, Conn.**

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

The time for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption ( ) Petition for Exemption ( ) Regulated Abandonment

**(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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In this proceeding, Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc. (CSO) filed a notice with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the abandonment of a line of railroad located in Hartford County, Connecticut. The rail line proposed for abandonment extends approximately 1.07 miles from milepost 8.33 (Station 5730+04) to milepost 9.40 (Station 5673+42) (the Line). The Line is located in the Town of Manchester and closely parallels Woodbridge Street and Sheldon Road. There are no stations on the Line. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on November 15, 2021 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended no environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

**Conclusions**

The Draft EA comment period has ended and no conditions are recommended by OEA. Accordingly, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

By the Board, Danielle Gosselin, Acting Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.