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SERVICE DATE—DECEMBER 7, 2021
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DECISION

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

CONNECTICUT SOUTHERN RAILROAD, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN
HARTFORD, COUNTY, CONN.

Decided: December 6, 2021

On October 21, 2021, Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc. (CSO), filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a rail line between approximately milepost 8.33 (Station 5730+04) and milepost 9.40 (Station 5673+42) in Hartford County, Conn. (the Line). There are no stations on the Line. Notice of exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on November 10, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 62,591). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on December 10, 2021.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft Environmental Assessment on November 15, 2021, solicited comments, and served a Final Environmental Assessment on December 3, 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 CSO's filing of a notice of consummation by November 10, 2022, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.
3. The decision is effective on its service date.

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