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SERVICE DATE – JANUARY 18, 2022
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 1073 (Sub-No. 1X)

ALABAMA & FLORIDA RAILWAY CO., INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN GENEVA, COFFEE, AND COVINGTON COUNTIES, ALA.

Decided: January 18, 2022

On November 30, 2021, Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. (A&F), filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 42.9 miles of rail line between milepost 581.3 at Andalusia, Ala., and milepost 624.2 at Geneva, Ala. (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on December 20, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 72,025). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on January 19, 2022.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft Environmental Assessment on December 23, 2021, solicited comments, and served a Final Environmental Assessment on January 14, 2022. 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 A&F's filing of a notice of consummation by December 20, 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.