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SERVICE DATE – DECEMBER 18, 2024

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 1240 (Sub-No. 1X)

SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY—
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN FAYETTE COUNTY, PA.

Decided: December 18, 2024

Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company (SWP) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 1.87 miles of rail line near Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa., extending (1) approximately 0.66 miles from V.S. 874+34 at Redstone Junction near Washington Street to V.S. 839+30 at the north side of Oliver Road, and (2) approximately 1.21 miles from V.S. 1926+00 on the west side of North Gallatin Avenue Extension to V.S. 1989+93 near Coal Lick Run Junction near the North Union Township/City of Uniontown border (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on November 20, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 91,870). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on December 20, 2024.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft Environmental Assessment on November 25, 2024, solicited comments, and issued a Final Environmental Assessment on December 16, 2024. 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 SWP's filing of a notice of consummation by November 20, 2025, 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.