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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 1344X

COLORADO PACIFIC RIO GRANDE RAILROAD LLC—ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION—IN RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLO.

Decided: October 1, 2025

Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad LLC (CXRG) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 26.55-mile segment of its Alamosa Subdivision between milepost 272.75, near Monte Vista, Colo., and milepost 299.3, near Derrick, Colo., both in Rio Grande County, Colo. (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on August 19, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 40,460), and the notice indicated that the exemption would become effective on September 18, 2025, unless stayed by the Board or unless a formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) was filed by August 29, 2025.

On August 29, 2025, Hayduk International, LLC (Hayduk), filed a notice of intent to file an OFA to purchase the Line. Pursuant to a September 25, 2025 order, Hayduk's OFA is due by October 2, 2025, and the exemption is scheduled to become effective on October 12, 2025.

Completion of the OFA process and, if necessary, consideration of any conditions on CXRG's abandonment exemption could be delayed by the current lapse in the Board's appropriation and resulting cessation of operations. For that reason, the abandonment exemption will not become effective, and any relevant filing or Board deadlines on or after October 1, 2025, will be postponed, until further order of the Board.

It is ordered:

1. CXRG's abandonment exemption will not become effective, and any relevant filing or Board deadlines on or after October 1, 2025, are postponed, until further order of the Board.

2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.