

SERVICE DATE – JANUARY 9, 2026

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 824X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN ALACHUA COUNTY, FLA.

Decided: January 9, 2026

On November 21, 2025, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 1.4-mile rail line that runs between milepost AR 715.48 and milepost AR 716.88, on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, West Coast Subdivision (the Line). In its verified notice, CSXT states that it was granted authority to abandon the Line in CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Alachua County, Fla., AB 55 (Sub-No. 555X) (STB served Nov. 24, 1997), but that it did not consummate the abandonment and is therefore filing for abandonment authority in this proceeding. (Verified Notice 3.)

However, a letter filed by CSXT on July 13, 1998, in the original abandonment docket indicates that CSXT had, in fact, consummated abandonment of the Line. In the letter, CSXT states, “[CSXT] hereby notifies the Board that it has consummated its abandonment of the line of railroad involved in this proceeding effective July 9, 1998.” CSXT Letter 1, July 13, 1998, CSX Transp., Inc.—Aban. Exemption—in Alachua Cnty., Fla., AB 55 (Sub-No. 555X). A copy of the letter is attached as an Appendix to this decision.

Consummation of abandonment authority terminates the Board’s jurisdiction over a rail line. See Hayfield N. R.R. v. Chi. & N.W. Transp. Co., 467 U.S. 622, 633-34 (1984); Baros v. Tex. Mex. Ry., 400 F.3d 228, 234 (5th Cir. 2005). The Board cannot authorize abandonment of a line over which it lacks jurisdiction. See, e.g., CSX Transp., Inc.—Aban. Exemption—in Preston Cnty., W.Va., AB 55 (Sub-No. 625X) (STB served Oct. 30, 2018). Therefore, unless CSXT provides supplemental information to the Board by January 16, 2026, addressing the July 13, 1998 letter and taking the position that the Line was not previously abandoned, CSXT’s verified notice will be rejected without further order.

It is ordered:

1. CSXT may file supplemental information, as described above, by January 16, 2026.
2. If CSXT does not file supplemental information by January 16, 2026, the verified notice of exemption filed in this docket, will be rejected effective January 17, 2026 without further order.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

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

APPENDIX

