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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 777X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT
EXEMPTION—IN FULTON COUNTY, GA.

Decided: January 19, 2018

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. pt. 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 4.40-mile rail line, referred to as the A&WP Subdivision, in its Southern Region, Atlanta Division, Atlanta Terminal between milepost XXC 0.0, which begins at the switch to the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Oakland Junction near the Ormewood Station, and ends at milepost XXC 4.4 near Glenwood Ave. SE, in the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga. (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on January 9, 2018 (83 Fed. Reg. 1,093).

On January 3, 2018, Atlanta Beltline, Inc., filed a request for an interim trail use condition for the Line. On January 4, 2018, CSXT filed a reply in which it agreed to negotiate for interim trail use. On January 12, 2018, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis issued an environmental assessment (EA) in this proceeding.

The exemption was scheduled to become effective on February 8, 2018. However, the abandonment authority in this proceeding will not become effective until completion of the environmental review process, which may be delayed by a shutdown of the Federal government due to a lapse in appropriations. Thus, the abandonment authority will not become effective, and any relevant filing or Board deadlines on or after January 20, 2018, will be postponed, until further order of the Board.

It is ordered:

1. The abandonment authority in this proceeding will not become effective, and any relevant filing or Board deadlines on or after January 20, 2018, will be postponed, until completion of the environmental review process and further order of the Board.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

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