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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 33388

CSX CORPORATION AND CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.,
NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION AND
NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
--CONTROL AND OPERATING LEASES/AGREEMENTS--
CONRAIL INC. AND CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 195X)

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
--ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--
BETWEEN DILLON JUNCTION AND MICHIGAN CITY
IN LA PORTE COUNTY, IN

Decision No. 48

Decided: October 22, 1997

On June 23, 1997, Norfolk and Western Railway Company (NW), a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR), filed, in STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 195X), a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line between MP I-137.3 near Dillon Junction, IN, and MP I-158.8 near Michigan City, IN, a distance of approximately 21.5 miles in La Porte County, IN. See CSX/NS-22 at 42-63; Decision No. 12, slip op. at 18, 62 FR 39577, 39587 (July 23, 1997).

By notice (designated NS-28) filed October 6, 1997, NW has withdrawn the petition for exemption previously filed in STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 195X). NW adds, however, that, if and when the Board approves the control application in STB Finance Docket No. 33388, the Board will be asked to authorize the sale of the Dillon Junction-Michigan City line to the Chicago, SouthShore & South Bend Railroad for continued rail use.

Because NW has withdrawn its Dillon Junction-Michigan City abandonment petition, the STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 195X) proceeding will be discontinued.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 195X) proceeding is discontinued.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary