

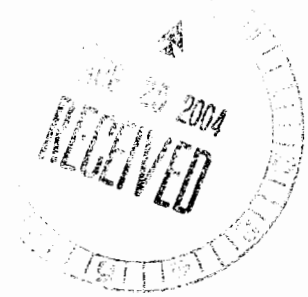


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August 11, 2004



Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
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RE: KY 22 - CSXT Proposed Abandonment - Southern Region, Huntington Division, Big Sandy Subdivision, between Dunleary (Milepost CMH 0.00) and end of track (Milepost CMH 1.43) also known as the Beaver Creek Spur, a distance of 1.43 miles in Pike County, Kentucky.
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 653X)

Gentlemen:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Petition for Exemption filed on July 15, 2004, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above.

Attached is the response dated August 3, 2004 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Frankfort, KY stating *"No significant adverse impacts to wetlands or federally listed endangered or threatened species are anticipated from this proposal."*

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: Mr. Jon Gold, CSXT, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202
Mr. Lou Gitomer, Ball-Janik, LLP, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005



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June 24, 2004

U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish & Wildlife Service
446 Neal Street
Cookeville, TN 38501

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Discontinuance of Service
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub. No. 653X)

No significant adverse impacts to wetlands
or federally listed endangered or threatened
species are anticipated from this proposal.

Vigil L. Andrews 7/24/04
Field Supervisor Date
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Frankfort, KY 40601

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that on July 15, 2004, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") a Petition for Exemption seeking authority to abandon and discontinue service, respectively, over approximately 1.43 miles of railroad near Dunleary, Pike County, Kentucky. The proposed action is in conjunction with current negotiations with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to sell the line, post abandonment, for a highway expansion project.

Attached is a preliminary Environmental Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental effects. We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the Board's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. Before this Report is finalized and submitted to the Board, we will incorporate into it any comments that we receive from you. Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental impacts of the contemplated action. If any of the information is incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, telephone (202) 565-1545 and refer to the above Docket Numbers. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your comments to SEA (with copy to me) within three weeks would be appreciated.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me directly by telephone at (904) 359-1086, or by mail at the above address.

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