

mileposts 0.00 and 5.04, in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, NY.

B&M has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in complainant's favor within the last 2 years; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 and 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies), and 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether employees are adequately protected, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

The exemption will be effective on February 4, 1996, unless stayed. The State of Vermont filed a statement of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) on November 17, 1995. Any OFAs, whether filed by the State of Vermont or another entity, must be filed by January 25, 1996.² Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,³ any additional statements of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),⁴ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29⁵ must be filed by January 16, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 25, 1996. An original and 10 copies of any such filing must be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423.⁶ In

² On December 21, 1995, the State of Vermont filed a petition seeking partial revocation to allow it time to file an OFA. In view of the republication provided here, the petition is moot.

³ The Commission will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues raised by a party cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Commission may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

⁴ See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

⁵ The Commission will accept late-filed trail use requests so long as the abandonment has not been consummated and the abandoning railroad is willing to negotiate an agreement.

⁶ Legislation to sunset the Commission on December 31, 1995, and transfer remaining

addition, one copy must be served on John R. Nadolny, Boston and Maine Corporation, Iron Horse Park, North Billerica, MA 01862.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

B&M has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. An environmental assessment (EA) prepared by the Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) was made available to the public on October 27, 1995. A copy of the EA may be obtained by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed by January 22, 1995.

Environmental, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.⁷

Decided: December 29, 1995.

By the Commission, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 179X)]

Norfolk and Western Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Lynchburg, VA

Norfolk and Western Railway Company (N&W), has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.4 miles of its line of railroad between milepost N-207.3 to milepost N-207.7 at Lynchburg, VA.

N&W has certified that: (1) No local or overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) all overhead traffic if there were any, could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year

functions is currently under consideration. Until further notice, parties submitting pleadings should continue to use the current name and address.

⁷ A decision was served on December 12, 1995, imposing conditions addressing concerns expressed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about the abandonment's effects on wetlands.

period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on February 5, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29³ must be filed by January 16, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 25, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20423.⁴

A copy of any pleading filed with the Commission should be sent to applicant's representative: James R. Paschall, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510.

If the notice of exemption contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

N&W has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental

¹ A stay will be issued routinely by the Commission in those proceedings where an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the effective date of the notice of exemption. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any entity seeking a stay on environmental concerns is encouraged to file its request as soon as possible in order to permit the Commission to review and act on the request before the effective date of this exemption.

² See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

³ The Commission will accept a late-filed trail use request as long as it retains jurisdiction to do so.

⁴ Legislation to sunset the Commission on December 31, 1995, and transfer remaining functions is currently under consideration. Until further notice, parties submitting pleadings should continue to use the current name and address.

assessment (EA) by January 10, 1996. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA is available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: December 28, 1995.

By the Commission, David M. Koonschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 170X)]

Southern Pacific Transportation Company—Abandonment Exemption—in San Mateo County, CA

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Commission exempts from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903-06 the abandonment by Southern Pacific Transportation Company of approximately 2.54 miles of rail line, known as the San Bruno Branch, from milepost 10.80, at or near the Baden rail station, to milepost 13.34, at or near the Tanforan rail station, in San Mateo County, CA, subject to standard labor protective conditions.

DATES: This exemption will be effective on January 20, 1996. Petitions to stay or reopen must be filed by January 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 170X), to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423; ¹ and (2) Petitioner's representatives: John MacDonald Smith, Gary A. Laakso, Southern Pacific Building, One Market Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94105 and Karl Morell, Louis E. Gitomer, Ball, Janik & Novack, Suite 1035, 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

¹ Legislation to terminate the Commission on December 31, 1995, is now pending enactment. Until further notice, parties submitting pleadings should continue to use the current name and address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data Inc., Room 2229, Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services at (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: December 21, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioner Simmons.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Industry Executive Subcommittee of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Communications System (NCS), Plans, Customer Service, and Information Assurance Division.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Industry Executive Subcommittee of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc., 8283 Greensboro Drive, McLean, VA 22102. The agenda is as follows:

- A. Call to Order/Welcoming Remarks
- B. Kyl Amendment Status
- C. NSTAC XVIII Planning Update
- D. Issues Group
- E. Information Assurance Task Force
- F. National Information Infrastructure Task Force
- G. Network Security Group

Due to the requirements to discuss classified information, in conjunction with the issues listed above, the meeting will be closed to the public in the interest of National Defense.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Telephone (703) 607-6221 or write the Manager, National Communications

System, 701 S. Court House Road, Arlington, VA 22204-2198.

Dennis Bodson,

Chief, Technology and Standards Division.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304]

Commonwealth Edison Co., (Zion Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2); Exemption

I

Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-39 and DPR-48, which authorize operation of the Zion Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, at a steady-state reactor power level not in excess of 3250 megawatts thermal. The facilities are pressurized water reactors located at the licensee's site in Lake County, Illinois. The licenses provide, among other things, that the Zion Nuclear Power Station is subject to all rules, regulations, and Orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) now or hereafter in effect.

II

Sections III.C and III.D.3 of 10 CFR part 50, appendix J, option A, require that Type C local leakage rate periodic tests shall be performed during reactor shutdown for refueling, or other convenient intervals, but in no case at intervals greater than 2 years. These requirements are reflected in the Zion Technical Specifications (TS) as requirements to perform Type C containment leakage rate testing in accordance with 10 CFR part 50, appendix J, and approved exemptions.

III

The licensee has determined that certain containment isolation pathways have not been locally leakage rate tested (Type C tests) as required by option A of appendix J to 10 CFR part 50. In a letter dated August 16, 1995, the licensee requested relief from the requirement to perform the Type C containment leakage rate tests of certain penetrations and valves in these pathways in accordance with the requirements of sections III.C and III.D of 10 CFR part 50, appendix J, option A. On August 16, 1995, the staff authorized in writing, continued operation of the Zion units in a notice of enforcement discretion (NOED) until such time as the