

Between milepost 0.2, near Caldwell, ID, and milepost 11.39, at Wilder, ID; (ii) between milepost 443.0, near Hillcrest, ID, and milepost 467.8, near Nampa, ID; and (iii) track numbers 40, 401, 402, 403, 404, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414 and 415 in UP's Nampa Yard, in Nampa.¹ IN&P will be the operator of the property.

In conjunction with the lease of these rail lines, IN&P will acquire approximately 0.2 miles of incidental trackage rights over UP's rail line located between milepost 465.91, at Caldwell, and milepost 0.2, near Caldwell.

The transaction is expected to be consummated on March 1, 1999.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33713, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Esq., BALL JANIK LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

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Decided: March 1, 1999.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 569X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Guernsey and Noble Counties, OH

On February 16, 1999, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a portion of its line of railroad known as its Louisville Service Lane, Central Ohio Subdivision, extending from milepost BPB-4.9 near Byesville to milepost BPB-18.23 at the

end of the track near Cumberland, a distance of 13.3 miles, in Guernsey and Noble Counties, OH. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 43723, 43724, and 43732, and includes the station of Cumberland at or near milepost BPB-18.23.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by June 4, 1999.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than March 29, 1999. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 569X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Charles M. Rosenberger, 500 Water Street—J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Replies to the CSXT petition are due on or before March 29, 1999.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at (202) 565-1695.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact

SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-549]

City of Rochelle, IL—Adverse Discontinuance—Rochelle Railroad Company

On February 16, 1999, the City of Rochelle, IL (City), filed an adverse application under 49 U.S.C. 10903 requesting that the Surface Transportation Board (Board) authorize the discontinuance by the Rochelle Railroad Company (RRC) of service over 2.06 miles of track that the City owns in an industrial park. The line was not further described in the application, but a map included with the filing indicates that the line begins at a switch near the intersection of Caron Road and Creston Road and ends in a stub east of Grecco Drive. The line has no stations and traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Code 61068.

In early 1998, the City terminated a contract with RRC to operate the line, but RRC continued to operate over the line. The City has also been operating the line under a Notice of Exemption in *City of Rochelle, Illinois—Notice of Exemption—Commencement of Rail Common Carrier Operations*, STB Finance Docket No. 33587 (STB served and published (63 FR 30036) June 2, 1998).

In a decision served in this proceeding on June 5, 1998, the City was granted a waiver of filing requirements in 49 CFR 1152 and was given permission to file an adverse discontinuance application containing the following information: (1) The name and address of the applicant; (2) the name and address of counsel; (3) a detailed map of the facilities involved; (4) the total carloads broken out for each of the shippers currently using the line

¹ The length of the rail line does not include the tracks in Nampa Yard.