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Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 519 (Sub-No. 2)]

Notice of National Grain Car Council Matters

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of renewal and reestablishment of National Grain Car Council and notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the renewal and reestablishment of the National Grain Car Council (NGCC). Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2), notice also is hereby given of a meeting of the NGCC.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 4, 2001, beginning at 10 a.m., EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in The Brick Room (First Floor) at 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric S. Davis, (202) 565-1510. (TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NGCC arose from a proceeding instituted by the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) predecessor agency, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), in *National Grain Car Supply—Conference of Interested Parties*, Ex Parte No. 519. The NGCC was formed as a working group to facilitate private-sector solutions and recommendations to the ICC (and now the Board) on matters affecting grain transportation.

The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussions of private-sector solutions to problems related to the availability of railroad cars for distribution and transportation of grain. In particular, rail carrier members will report on their preparedness to transport the Fall grain harvest.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted pursuant to the NGCC's charter and Board procedures. Further communications about this meeting may be announced through the Board's website at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

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

Decided: April 24, 2001.

By the Board, Linda J. Morgan, Chairman.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 587X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Clark County, IN

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a .20-mile line of railroad between milepost B-40.60 and milepost B-40.80 at Charlestown, in Clark County, IN. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 47111.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic moving over the line; (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 Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 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 this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment and discontinuance 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. 10502(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 May 29, 2001, 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 1152.29 must be filed by May 7, 2001. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by May 17, 2001, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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

CSXT has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environmental and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 4, 2001. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned its line. If consummation has not been effected by CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by April 27, 2002, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) 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 Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).