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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

STB Docket No. AB-1007X



Colorado Springs and Eastern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in El Paso County, CO

BACKGROUND

In this proceeding, The Colorado Springs & Eastern Railroad Company (CS&E) has filed for abandonment pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.50. The rail line (line) extends approximately 3.3 miles from Milepost 602.70 to Milepost 599.40 in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado. A map depicting the line in relationship to the area served is appended to this Environmental Assessment (EA). If this notice becomes effective, CS&E will be able to salvage track, ties, and other railroad appurtenances and dispose of the right-of-way.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

CS&E submitted an environmental report that concludes the quality of the human environment would not be affected significantly as a result of the abandonment or any post-abandonment activities, including salvage and disposition of the right-of-way. CS&E served the environmental report on a number of appropriate Federal, state, and local agencies as required by the Board's environmental rules [49 CFR 1105.7(b)]. The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has reviewed and investigated the record in this proceeding.

Description of Rail Line

The line consists of two isolated segments¹ bounded by a combination of residential subdivisions and mixed use residential and commercial areas. The line crosses Sand Creek at the eastern end.² The line right-of-way averages 80 feet in width on either side of the center line, but ranges between 30 and 250 feet in width.

¹ SEA has determined through telephone conversations with the railroad that the two segments are separated by a mall.

² According to the railroad, a bridge once crossed Sand Creek but was removed two years ago for safety reasons.

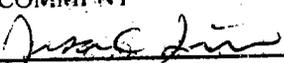
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Comment due date: **January 28, 2008.**

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary

Attachment

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