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SERVICE DATE – DECEMBER 13, 2022

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 1320X

GROWTH RESOURCES OF WELLSBORO FOUNDATION—
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN TIOGA COUNTY, PA.

Decided: December 12, 2022

Growth Resources of Wellsboro Foundation (GROW) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. part 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 3.27 miles of rail line between milepost 0.624 and milepost 3.9 in Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pa. (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on November 15, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 68,568). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on December 15, 2022.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft Environmental Assessment on November 17, 2022, solicited comments, and issued a Final Environmental Assessment on December 8, 2022. No environmental or historic preservation issues were raised by any party or identified by OEA. Accordingly, a finding of no significant impact under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(g) will be made pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1011.7(a)(2)(ix).

It is ordered:

1. Abandonment of the Line will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment and conservation of energy resources or on historic resources.
2. If consummation has not been effected by GROW's filing of a notice of consummation by November 15, 2023, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Mai T. Dinh, Director, Office of Proceedings.