

Des Moines Building, 405 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50309.

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Decided: October 9, 1997.

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-493 (Sub-No. 2X)]¹

Track Tech, Inc.; Abandonment Exemption; in Franklin and Webster Counties, NE

On September 24, 1997, Track Tech, Inc. 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 line of railroad located generally between Bladen, NE (milepost 96.30) and Hildreth, NE (milepost 119.34), a distance of 23.04 miles in Franklin and Webster Counties, NE. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 68928 and 68947.

The line does not contain any 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 the conditions set forth in *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 January 12, 1998.

Any offer of financial assistance 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 offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by a \$900 filing fee. 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 U.S.C. 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than November 5, 1997. 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-493 (Sub-No. 2X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) T. Scott Bannister, 1300 Des Moines Building, 405 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50309.

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[STB Docket No. AB-493 (Sub-No. 1X)]¹

Track Tech, Inc.; Abandonment Exemption; in Whiteside County, IL

On September 24, 1997, Track Tech, Inc. 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 line of railroad located generally between Denrock, IL (milepost 25.15), and Lyndon, IL (milepost 28.35), a distance of 3.20 miles in Whiteside County, IL. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code 61261.

The line does not contain any 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 the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

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¹ Petitioner acquired this line and 5 others from Burlington Northern Railroad Company in November 1996. Petitioner is also seeking to abandon, or will seek to abandon, the other lines via exemption in STB Docket No. AB-493 (Sub-Nos. 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, and 6X).

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations

Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be

included in the exhibit, "Crowning Glory: Images of the Virgin in the Arts of Portugal" imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The Newark Museum, 49 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey from November 26, 1997, through February 22, 1998, and at the San Diego Museum of Art and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art following its exhibition in Newark, New Jersey, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.¹

Dated: October 9, 1997.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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¹ A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Neila Sheahan, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-5030, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547-0001