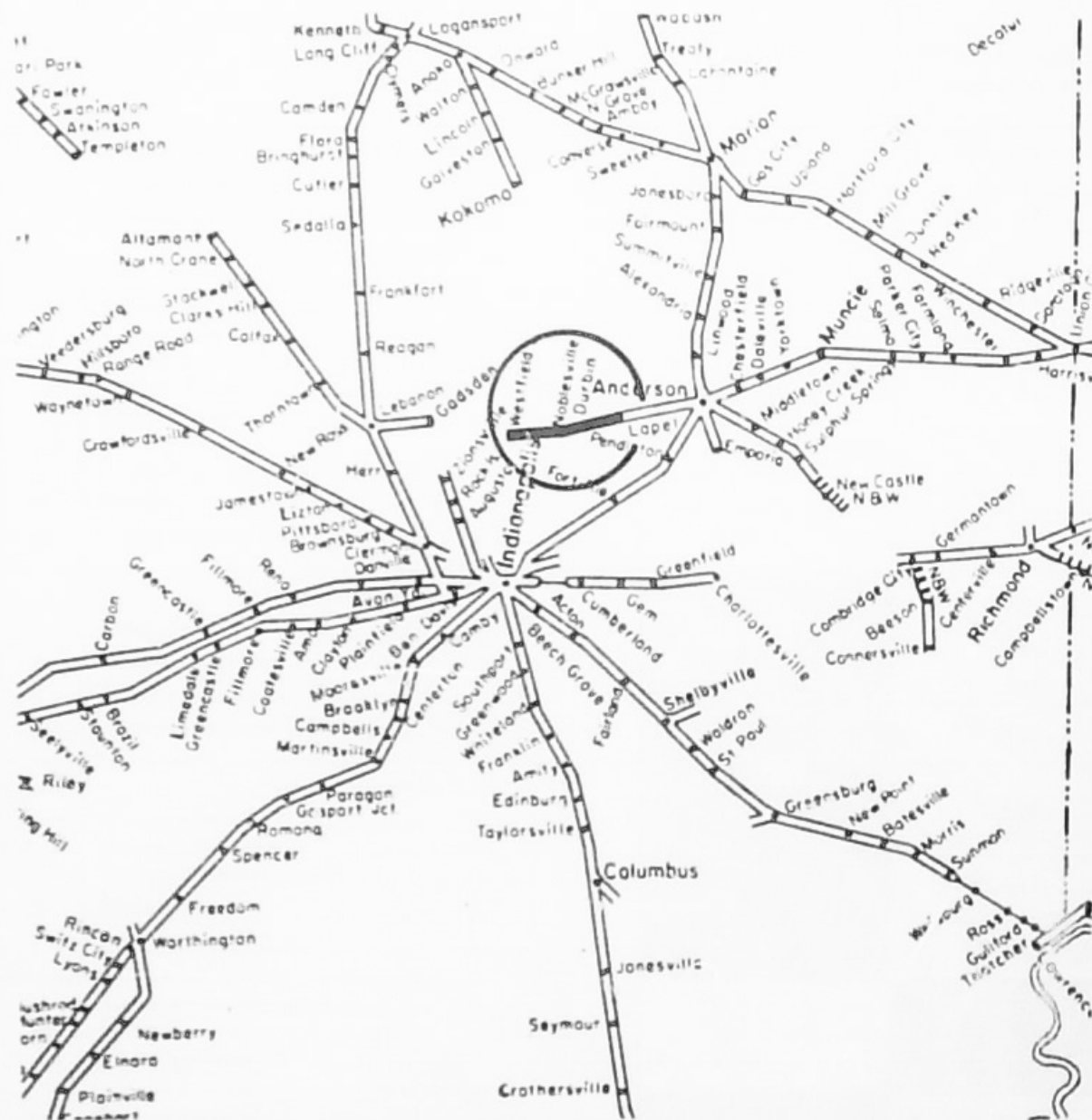


AREA MAP

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

WESTFIELD SECONDARY TRACK

Lapel, MP 10.5, to Westfield, MP 25.8



SERVICE DATE

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE AND DECISION

Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 308N)

CONRAIL ABANDONMENT BETWEEN LAPEL AND WESTFIELD, IN

Decided: February 24, 1982

On November 30, 1981, Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) filed an application pursuant to section 308 of the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973^{1/} to abandon 15.3 miles of its rail line between Lapel (milepost 10.5) and Westfield (milepost 25.8) in Hamilton County, IN.

Under section 308(b) the Commission must grant any application for abandonment filed by Conrail before December 1, 1981, within 90 days after the date such application is filed unless an offer of financial assistance is made pursuant to section 308(d) during that 90-day period. Because no offer of financial assistance has been received, the application is granted.

Congress has directed the Commission to appraise the net liquidation value of each Conrail line being abandoned. Under Section 308(e) any interested party would be able to purchase such a line at 75 percent of the value set by the Commission.

With its application Conrail submitted a statement that its estimate of the line's net liquidation value is \$203,741.

The Commission intends to adopt this estimate unless, within 15 days from date of service of this order, an interested party requests that the Commission independently appraise the line. If such a request is made, the Commission will, as soon as practicable, set a value for the line based on any information available. That determination will be published in the Federal Register and is not appealable. If no request is made the Commission will publish Conrail's estimate in the Federal Register.

If any interested parties have pertinent data on the net liquidation value of this line, they should submit it to the Commission's Section of Finance, Room 5414, 12th and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20423.

^{1/} This section was added by the Northeast Rail Service Act of 1981. Pub. L. 97-35.

It is certified
described above.

It is ordered

The certificate

By the Commo
Joyce and Howell.

(SPAL)

It is certified: Conrail is authorized to abandon the line described above.

It is ordered:

The certificate and decision are effective upon service.

By the Commission, Review Board Number 3, Members Krock, Joyce and Dowell.

(SEAL)

Agatha L. Mergenovich
Secretary