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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 290 331X

January 30, 2012

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on January 13, 2012, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 2 environmental conditions.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following 2 conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority. The conditions are:

- 1. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey at least 90 days prior to the beginning of salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.**
- 2. Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) shall retain their interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of trestle bridge located at milepost 4.90M that may be eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, has been completed. NSR shall report back to the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) regarding any consultations with the SHPO and the public. NSR may not file its consummation notice or initiate any salvage activities related to trestle bridge (including removal of tracks and ties from the trestle bridge) until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.**

If the above conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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