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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 275X)

July 31, 2009

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

☐ Notice of Exemption ☐ Petition for Exemption ☒ Regulated Abandonment

☒ NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on 6/26/09 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

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

1. Prior to initiating salvage activities, the Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department regarding the potential impact of the proposed abandonment on sensitive wildlife habitat and associated vegetated corridors within the right-of-way.
2. The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that could disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.

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

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