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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
DOCKET NO. AB 1086X
DOCKET NO. AB 227 (SUB-NO. 12X)

September 30, 2011

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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In this proceeding, the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad (PWV) and the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company (WLE) filed a notice under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking approval authority for PWV to abandon and WLE to discontinue its sublease rights over 1.82 miles of railroad located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on September 12, 2011 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 2 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, OEA recommends that the 2 conditions recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority. The conditions are:

1. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad (PWV) shall consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regarding potential impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.
2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, PWV shall consult with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Regional Office, to ensure that any concerns in the right-of-way are addressed regarding demolition waste; fugitive dust; contaminated soil; watershed disturbances; erosion and sedimentation; wastewater discharges; concrete waste discharge; water tanks; oil and gas wells; water wells; and emergency response contingency plans.

OEA concludes that if the above conditions are imposed, the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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