

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 248X)

July 26, 2010

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

(X) 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 February 23, 2010 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended three environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. On March 12, 2010, SEA issued a Post Environmental Assessment (Post EA) recommending that the conditions recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority.

Comments

SEA received one comment after issuance of the Post EA. On July 21, 2010, UP submitted verification from the State Historical Society of Iowa (State Historic Preservation Officer or SHPO) dated April 6, 2010, that the SHPO has no outstanding section 106 issues with the proposed abandonment.

Therefore, SEA recommends that the section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the February 23, 2010 decision and the Post EA be removed.

Conclusions

SEA recommends that the Section 106 historic preservation condition recommended in the EA and in the Post EA be removed. DG

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