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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
DOCKET NO. AB 33 (Sub-No. 327X)

November 22, 2017

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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The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an EA for this proceeding on November 6, 2017 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

None.

Modifications to the EA

None.

Conclusions

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

1. Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) shall retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. § 306108, has been completed. UP shall report back to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis regarding any consultations with the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office and the public. UP may not file its consummation notice until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

If the recommended condition is imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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