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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
Surface Transportation Board
3905 E. Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Sirs:

We have reviewed STB Docket No. AB-341 (Sub-No. IX), Southwestern Railroad Company, Inc. - Abandonment Exemption - Ellis County, OK, and Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Hansford Counties, TX, for authority to abandon the 85.3-mile rail line located between milepost 0.10, at Shattuck, Oklahoma, and milepost 85.4, at Spearman, in Ellis County, Oklahoma, and Lipscomb, Ochiltree, and Hansford Counties, Texas.

This project should have no significant adverse impact on the environment or natural resources in the area. We do not require any permits, easements, or approvals for activities such as this.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposed project.

Sincerely,



For ^DONALD W. GOHMERT
State Conservationist

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