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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-364 (Sub No. 14X)

May 22, 2008

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 April 18, 2008, for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

SEA received six comments after issuance of the EA.

1. In an e-mail dated May 6, 2008, Ms. Esther Helms, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, listed additional Tribes that should be contacted.

However, SEA notes that all Federally recognized Tribes were provided a copy of the EA for review.

2. In an e-mail dated May 5, 2008, Mr. Simon Monroe, National Geodetic Survey, states that there are no known geodetic survey markers located on the rail line proposed for abandonment.
3. On May 15, 2008, Mr. George Bosanic, City Manager, Greenville, Michigan, called to ask how to participate if in fact the City had questions and/or concerns.

On May 19, 2008, SEA spoke to Mr. Bosanic and informed him of the deadline for submitting comments.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommended that one condition be imposed on any decision granting abandonment authority.

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