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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

**POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**STB DOCKET NO. AB-868 (SUB-NO. 1X), MISSISSIPPI TENNESSEE HOLDINGS,  
LLC—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN HARDEMAN COUNTY, TN  
AND TIPPAH AND UNION COUNTIES, MS**

**AND**

**STB DOCKET NO. AB-869 (SUB-NO. 1X), MISSISSIPPI TENNESSEE RAILROAD,  
LLC—DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION—IN  
HARDEMAN COUNTY, TN AND TIPPAH AND UNION COUNTIES, MS**

**November 16, 2006**

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

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

Notice of Exemption     Petition for Exemption     Regulated Abandonment

**NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED (After issuance of a Post Environmental Assessment on October 23, 2006)**

SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on October 3, 2006 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA did not recommend any environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

No comments were received during the EA comment period that ended on October 23, 2006. No modifications to the EA in the post environmental assessment issued on October 23, 2006 were recommended by SEA.

After the close of the EA comment period, the National Geodetic Survey notified SEA that approximately 13 geodetic survey markers may be impacted by the proposed abandonment. In this proceeding, the Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC filed for abandonment authority, and the Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC filed for discontinuance of service. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the Board impose a condition on any decision granting abandonment authority requiring the Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC to notify the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities in order to plan for the possible relocation of the geodetic station markers by NGS.

**New Condition**

- The Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC shall notify the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities in order to plan for the possible relocation of the geodetic station markers by NGS.

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 Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for Middleton, Ripley & New Albany, Hardeman County, TN, and Tippah, Union County, Mississippi.

Approximately 013 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described. If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, NGS requests 90-day advance notice to attempt their formal relocation. These marks are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at <http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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Dist	PID...	H	V	Vert_Source	Approx.	Approx..	Stab	Designation
....	FE2139	. 1	88/ADJUSTED	N350231	W0885329	B...	B	298
....	FE0585	. 1	88/ADJUSTED	N350230	W0885336	C...	K	155
....	FE0584	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N350232	W0885335	C...	U	17
....	EG2041	. p	88/POSTED..	N345800	W0885351	C...	15 V	300
....	EG0928	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N345149	W0885502	C...	E	41
....	EG0926	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N344911	W0885536	C...	G	41
....	EG0925	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N344748	W0885528	C...	H	41
....	EG0924	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N344627	W0885527	C...	J	41
....	EG0923	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N344344	W0885657	C...	K	41
....	EG1079	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N342947	W0890024	C...	U	41
....	EG1034	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N342943	W0890048	B...	G	40
....	EG0629	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N342857	W0890055	C...	78 V	63
....	EG0628	. 2	88/ADJUSTED	N342830	W0890036	C...	78 V	62