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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-341 (Sub-No. 1X)

March 21, 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 February 15, 2008 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended one environmental condition, and concluded that, as currently proposed, and if the recommended condition is imposed, abandonment of the Line would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

Not applicable.

Modifications to the EA

Not applicable.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended and one environmental condition is recommended by SEA:

1. Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. (MMRR) 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, 16 U.S.C. 470f, has been completed. MMRR shall report back to the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) regarding any consultations with the Michigan Historic Center (State Historic Preservation Office) and the public. MMRR may not file its consummation notice or initiate any salvage activities related to abandonment (including removal of rails and ties) until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

SEA concludes that, as currently proposed, and if the recommended condition is imposed, abandonment of the Line would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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