

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-6 (Sub-No. 455X)

June 1, 2007

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 May 11, 2007 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

SEA received one comment after issuance of the EA. The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Leech Lake Band of Objjwe reviewed the EA and stated that the Leech Lake Band of Objjwe does not have any concerns regarding sites of religious or cultural importance in the area of the proposed abandonment.

Conclusions

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

1. BNSF Railway Company shall consult with the Beltrami County Farm Service Agency Office prior to commencement of any salvage activities regarding potential impacts to wetlands owned or operated by U.S. Department of Agriculture participants and shall comply with its reasonable requirements.

If the above condition is imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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