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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

**STB DOCKET NO. AB-1229X, DENVER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
DISTRICT—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN DENVER AND JEFFERSON
COUNTIES, CO**

June 19, 2007

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

(x) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(x) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on June 12, 2007 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended three (3) 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 June 21, 2007.

Conclusion

SEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

- Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Denver Regional Transportation District (DRTD) shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding potential impacts from salvage activities to Federally-listed threatened and endangered species that may occur in the vicinity of the line. DRTD shall report the results of these consultations in writing to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis prior to the onset of salvage operations.
- Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, DRTD shall consult with the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that any concerns regarding potential contamination of the right-of-way are addressed. DRTD shall report the results of these consultations in writing to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis prior to the onset of salvage operations of the remaining tack.
- Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, DRTD shall consult with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regarding its requirements and, if applicable, shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.

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

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