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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-1005X

June 14, 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 29, 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 on the EA

One comment was received after issuance of the EA. In a letter dated June 13, 2007, Finger Lakes Railway Corp. (FGLK) states that salvage activities will only take place within the existing rail bed, and following recent discussions with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), FGLK confirms that no geodetic station markers would be affected by the proposed abandonment. Therefore, FGLK has requested that the condition in the EA be modified.

Modifications to the EA

Through consultations with NGS, FGLK has determined that no geodetic station markers would be affected by the proposed abandonment. Accordingly, SEA believes that condition one in the EA is no longer necessary.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended and no conditions are recommended by SEA. Accordingly, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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