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

**POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 262X)

14 August 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 July 28, 2008 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

**Comments on the EA**

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (SHPO) has reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Based upon its review, it is the SHPO's opinion that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed abandonment.

Pursuant to the Section 106 regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act at 36 CFR 800.5(b), and following consultation with the SHPO and the public, SEA has determined that the proposed abandonment would not affect historic properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 CFR 800.11(e), consists of the railroad's historic report, all relevant correspondence, and the EA, which have been provided to the SHPO and made available to the public through posting on the Board's website.

Accordingly, SEA believes that condition 2 in the EA is no longer necessary.

**Conclusions**

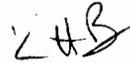
The EA comment period has ended. SEA recommends that condition 1 as previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment

authority. Condition 2, previously recommended in the EA, is no longer necessary.

1. Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.

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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