

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
STB DOCKET NO. AB-290 (Sub-No. 285X)
& STB DOCKET NO. AB-290 (Sub-No. 276X)
January 12, 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 12/26/2006 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended four environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

SEA received one comment after issuance of the EA (see attached). The comment was received from the City of High Point on January 9, 2007 and indicated the City's full support of the findings in the EA. The City also stated that it was in favor of the proposed abandonment. SEA does not recommend any changes to the conditions recommended in the EA based on the comments from the City.

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. High Point, Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad Company shall notify the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities in order to plan for the possible relocation of the geodetic station marker identified by NGS.
2. High Point, Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Division of Land Resources prior to beginning any salvage activities regarding applicable erosion and sedimentation control requirements.
3. High Point, Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Winston-Salem Regional Office prior to beginning salvage activities regarding potential impacts to

surface waters or wetlands.

4. High Point, Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality prior to beginning any salvage activities regarding applicable National Pollution Discharge Elimination System requirements.

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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Incoming Correspondence Record

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To the Surface Transportation Board:

The City of High Point would like to confirm our support of the findings of this environmental assessment and we fully support the closure of this railroad right-of-way through High Point. Please let us know if there is anything further that we can do to aid in this process.

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