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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 314 (Sub-No. 9X)

**Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Black
Hawk County, Iowa**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) has expired in this:
(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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In this proceeding, Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP) filed a notice of exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 to abandon a line of railroad in Waterloo, Black Hawk County, Iowa. The segment of rail line to be abandoned extends .08 miles from approximately 100 feet east of the CCP crossing with 11th Street, through and including the 11th Street crossing, and continuing west for approximately 268 feet (the Line). The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on June 3, 2022 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The Draft EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the condition recommended in the Draft EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:¹

The Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP) shall retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites,

¹ If an interim trail use agreement under 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 is reached for the Line (or a portion thereof), compliance with this condition is not required with respect to any portion of the Line covered by the interim trail use agreement for the duration of the agreement.

buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effects) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. § 306108, has been completed. CCP shall report back to OEA regarding any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office and the public. CCP may not file its consummation notice or initiate any abandonment-related salvage activities (including removal of tracks and ties) until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

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

By the Board, Danielle Gosselin, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.