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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 414X)

**Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption –
In Pitt County, N.C.**

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

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In this proceeding, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) filed a notice with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with abandonment of a line of railroad located in Pitt County, North Carolina. The rail line proposed for abandonment is approximately one mile in length and extends from West 14th Street northward to Dickinson Avenue in the city of Greenville (the Line). The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on November 25, 2024 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended no environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the Draft EA

By email dated November 22, 2024, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) submitted a comment following up on its earlier comment dated November 12, 2024. In its November 12, 2024 comment, NGS indicated that geodetic survey markers may be located in or near the right-of-way that could be disturbed by the proposed abandonment and requested to be contacted at least 90 days prior to beginning any salvage or other ground-disturbing activities to allow for their relocation. However, in its November 22, 2024 comment, NGS stated that it had conducted a search of its integrated data base and found that no geodetic markers would be impacted as a result of the proposed abandonment. Therefore, NGS concurred with OEA's determination in the Draft EA that no further consultation is required.

Conclusions

The Draft EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that no conditions should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority. 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.