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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
DOCKET NO. AB 1182X

May 17, 2016

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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In this proceeding, Brandon Railroad, L.L.C. (BRR) filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 seeking exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 to abandon approximately 17.3 miles of rail line in Douglas County, Nebraska, in the former Omaha-South Omaha switching district. If the abandonment is authorized, BRR intends to convert the rail line from common carrier to contract and private carrier, and accordingly, would not salvage the rail line. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on April 15, 2016 for public review and comment. In the 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 EA

OEA received two comment letters during the 30-day comment period. By email dated April 19, 2016, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska commented that it had no comments to offer at this time. And by letter dated April 22, 2016, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) commented that it had no comments to offer as no ground disturbance would occur and no known historical or archaeological resources would be affected as a result of the proposed abandonment.

Conclusion

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that no conditions be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment. OEA concludes that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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