

**Railway Abandonment in Miami County , Kansas (AB 33 313X)****Joshua Wayland** to: mackshumate

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Mr. Shumate,

The Surface Transportation Board is currently reviewing the environmental materials submitted in STB Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 313X), a proposed railway abandonment in Miami County, Kansas. I am writing to request that Union Pacific submit in a more detailed description of the salvage activities that would take place if the Board were to approve the proposed abandonment. For instance, would salvage activities be conducted within the rail right-of-way, or would new access points be required? Would UP remove track and ties and leave the underlying roadbed intact, or would regrading of the right-of-way be necessary? While it is not required, having this information in writing would assist with the environmental assessment process and may obviate the need for environmental conditions on the proposed abandonment. If you have this information available, you can submit it to me via email or through the E-Filing page on the Board's website (<http://www.stb.dot.gov/stb/efilings.nsf>). Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions regarding this request.

Best regards,

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