

## FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 290 (Sub-No. 393X)

June 19, 2017

### ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

**( X ) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on May 30, 2017, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

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

- 1. The Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), Transportation Bureau, Rail Safety Section (RSS) prior to beginning salvage activities involving any public or private road crossings and comply with the reasonable requirements of ICC RSS regarding notification and coordination of the restoration of these crossings.**
- 2. The Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that would disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.**

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

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