

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 290 (Sub-No. 360X)

July 29, 2014

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 July 11, 2014 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended six environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

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. Yadkin Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Land Resources prior to beginning any salvage activities regarding applicable erosion and sedimentation control requirements**
- 2. Yadkin Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality prior to beginning any salvage activities regarding applicable National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements.**
- 3. Yadkin Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Mooresville Regional Office prior to beginning any salvage activities regarding potential impacts to surface waters or wetlands from the proposed bridge removal activities and applicable requirements, and any other applicable requirements.**
- 4. Yadkin Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission prior to beginning bridge removal activities regarding voluntary actions to minimize potential impacts to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife resources.**
- 5. Yadkin Railroad Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Division of Waste Management regarding**

the disposal of waste generated during salvage activities and shall comply with all applicable requirements.

- 6. Yadkin Railroad Company shall notify the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning any salvage activities that may disturb or destroy geodetic station markers identified by NGS in order to plan for the possible relocation of the 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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