

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 557 (SUB-No. 1X)

November 18, 2015

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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The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on November 2, 2015 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended three 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 and no environmental comments have been received. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

- 1. Prior to the start of salvage operations, the Trustees of the Cincinnati Southern Railway Company (CSR) shall consult with the Office of the Mayor of Scott County, Tennessee (Scott County) regarding the consistency of the proposed salvage activities with local environmental ordinances and environmental permitting requirements. CSR shall ensure that salvage activities are conducted in a manner consistent with the reasonable recommendations of Scott County.**
- 2. The Trustees of the Cincinnati Southern Railway Company (CSR) shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey and shall notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that would disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers in order to allow for the relocation of the station markers by NGS.**
- 3. Prior to the start of salvage operations, the Trustees of the Cincinnati Southern Railway Company (CSR) shall consult with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) regarding potential impacts of the proposed abandonment on state listed threatened or endangered species. CSR shall ensure that salvage activities are conducted in a manner consistent with the reasonable recommendations of TWRA to prevent or minimize any potential impacts.**

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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