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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 270X) & AB-486 (Sub-No. 5X)

August 25, 2008

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

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

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on August 1, 2008 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. On August 15, 2008, SEA issued a Post Environmental Assessment (Post EA) recommending that the condition recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority.

Comments

SEA received one comment after issuance of the Post EA. On August 20, 2008, UP submitted a letter from the Kansas State Historical Society (State Historic Preservation Officer or SHPO) dated August 8, 2008 stating that the rail line and associated track, trestles and culverts are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Therefore, SEA recommends that the section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the August 1, 2008 decision and the Post EA be removed.

Conclusions

SEA recommends that the Section 106 historic preservation condition recommended in the EA and in the Post EA be removed.

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