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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
395 E Street S.W.
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**Re: Finance Docket No. 35147, Environmental Assessment, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Pan Am Railways, Inc. et al.
Surface Transportation Board/Section 106**

Dear Ms. Ruston:


Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above project and the related Environmental Assessment.

The Division for Historic Preservation reviewed this proposed undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4, regulations established by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Project review consists of identifying the project's potential impacts to historic buildings and structures, historic districts, historic landscapes and settings, and to known or potential archeological resources.

It is our understanding that the proposed project involves the construction and repair of facilities located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of New York. Because no undertakings are planned within the State of Vermont, we have no formal comments to offer on the proposed project.

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Devin Colman, Historic Buildings Specialist, at devin.colman@state.vt.us or 802-828-3043. Mr. Colman reviewed this project and prepared this letter. I concur with the findings and conclusions described above.

Sincerely,
VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION


Jane Lendway
State Historic Preservation Officer

