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June 12, 2018

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 778X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Fulton County, GA**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed please find the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division's ("HPD") comments finding not adverse effect to historic properties based on HPD's understanding that PSA contract includes a contingency to provide for future Section 106 compliance, as needed.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
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Enclosure



HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

MARK WILLIAMS
COMMISSIONER

DR. DAVID CRASS
DIVISION DIRECTOR

June 8, 2018

Gene Payne
Manager Joint Facilities
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street, J-315
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**RE: CSX: Abandon 2.04 Mile Kudzu Line, MP ANB 862.66 & ANB 863.94, Atlanta
Fulton County, Georgia
HP-180521-013**

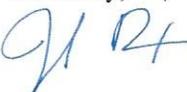
Dear Mr. Payne:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the information submitted concerning the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the Surface Transportation Board and its applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

The subject project consists of abandoning an approximate 2.04-mile rail line between milepost ANB 862.66 and ANB 862.95 and between milepost ANB 862.66 and ANB 863.94, referred to as the Kudzu Line in Atlanta, to include removal of only ties, rails, and some ballast. Based on the information provided, it is HPD's opinion that the Kudzu Line is a contributing element to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible Atlanta, Birmingham, and Coast Railroad. However, it is HPD's understanding that the PSA contract includes a contingency to provide for future Section 106 compliance, as needed. Therefore, HPD finds that the subject project, as proposed, will have **no adverse effect** to historic properties, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1), due to the contract contingency stipulation 5.3.

This letter evidences consultation with our office for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. It is important to remember that any changes to this project as it is currently proposed may require additional consultation. HPD encourages federal agencies and project applicants to discuss such changes with our office to ensure that potential effects to historic resources are adequately considered in project planning.

Please refer to project number **HP-180521-013** in any future correspondence regarding this project. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (770) 389-7851 or Jennifer.dixon@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,


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cc: Allison Duncan, Atlanta Regional Commission
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