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Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Surface Transportation Board
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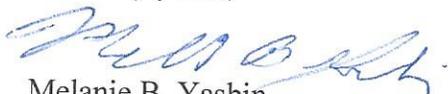
Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 788X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Preston County, WV**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed for electronic filing is a copy of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History's letter finding that any adverse effects have already been mitigated for this project.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure



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April 17, 2019

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RE: AB-55 (Sub No. 778X)
CSX Transportation Abandonment Exemption
FR# 19-414-PR

Dear Mr. Payne:

We have reviewed the above mentioned project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

According to submitted information, CSX is proposing abandoning 6.78 miles of rail line between milepost BAJ 3.0 and BAJ 9.78 in Preston County, West Virginia

Architectural Resources:

It is our understanding that this line was part of a previous review (FR# 03-699-PR) which resulted in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Based on the additional information of the letter submitted dated December 13, 2005, it appears that we received the deliverables required by the MOA. Our response on December 20, 2005, indicates that confirmed the receipt the MOA. The letter does not state we received the deliverables, but does imply our office did receive the deliverables stating that the MOA would be accepted and "following receipt of the copy for the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, the Section 106 Process will be complete." It is our opinion that the MOA was fulfilled; and, therefore, any adverse effects are already mitigated for this project. No further consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources; however, we ask that you contact our office if your project should change.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Ernest Blevins, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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