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Dave Geraci
CSX Transportation Inc.
500 Water Street - J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: Docket AB-55 (Sub No. 656X)
FR#: 05-1182-MA

Dear Mr. Geraci:

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

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the abandonment of the CSX Transportation rail-line between Barrackville to Mannington in Marion County. We maintain our original position as described in our May 14, 1991 letter stating that the proposed abandonment will have no effect to any resources listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary with this office regarding this project.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Ryan Burns, Historian, in the Historic Preservation Office at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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