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I looked at the HPI forms you sent me that are copies from our office. We have cited those as eligible resources under Criteria A for the NRHP. Removal of the tracks would be an adverse effect to the architecture of the bridges. I'm still checking the remainder of the track/corridor question, but I think its safe to say we need to open it up for a 106 review based on these already documented resources. I'm out Friday and Tuesday from the office, maybe we can talk about it Wednesday afternoon?

Have a good weekend.

Ernie

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**Fw: CSXT Rail Line Abandonment 15-503-RG**

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Diana Wood

Hi Ernie:

I'm just checking to see if you've had any luck researching the rail line, and if so, whether you think the corridor, or the line itself, is eligible for National Register listing. The Office of Proceedings has reminded me that the 120-day statutory time limit for this proceeding ends in early August, so I need to have all environmental and historic issues resolved by then.

Thanks!

Diana

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"Blevins, Ernest E" Thanks. The ones with the CSX responses ar...

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Thanks. The ones with the CSX responses are helpful since after about 5 years our files are purged except for the letters. I'll look over them.

Ernie

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RE: Docket AB-55 (Sub No. 661X) and STB Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 741X) Abandonment  
FR#: 05-1223-RG-3 and 15-503-RG

Dear Ms. Burroughs

We have reviewed the information for 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.

According to submitted information, CSX Transportation proposes to abandon 15.12 miles of railroad. Previously the abandonment was reviewed in 2005-2007, but "never officially consummated and the abandonment lapsed." CSX Transportation would like to bank the rail line under the Notice of Interim Trail and Rail Banking with the Surface Transportation Board. This will allow the rail line to be salvaged or sold while maintaining the right-of-way for future use to coal reserves.

Thank you for completing the requested Historic Property Inventory (HPI) forms. It is our opinion based on the previous letter of June 22, 2007 and the additional HPI forms that this railroad line is eligible as a linear district for the National Register of Historic Places. The abandonment of this line itself would not be an adverse effect to the resource; however, the proposed dismantling and salvage of the resource would be an adverse effect. Since salvage operations cannot occur without the abandonment it is our opinion that the abandonment of the line would result in an adverse effect to the resource. Please continue to complete the review process as outlined in 36 CFR 800.6. This may result in the completion of an Memorandum of Agreement.

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

Sincerely,

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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