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Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
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RE: DHR Project File No.: 2016-03/ Received by DHR: Aug. 4, 2016
Project: *STB Docket No. AB 70 (Sub-No. 6X), Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C.
Abandonment Exemption*
County: Miami-Dade

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Our office received and reviewed the referenced project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, *as amended*, and implementing regulations 36 C.F.R. Part 800, for possible impact to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The State Historic Preservation Officer is to advise and assist state and federal agencies when identifying historic properties, assessing effects upon them, and considering alternatives to avoid or minimize adverse effects.

The project area has been surveyed for historic properties eligible for listing on the NRHP. Based on that survey, our office concurs that the project will have an *adverse effect* [as per 36 C.F.R. Part 800, § 800.5(d)(2)] on the Little River Spur of the FEC Railroad (8DA11416) and the FEC Railroad Bridge (8DA14821), and *no adverse effect* [as per 36 C.F.R. Part 800, § 800.5(b)] on the other historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect. We look forward to working with you on a Memorandum of Agreement to minimize and mitigate the adverse effects to these two historic properties.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Daniel McClarnon, Archaeologist, Transportation Compliance Review Program, at 850.245.6372 or by email, daniel.mcclarnon@dos.myflorida.com.

Sincerely

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& State Historic Preservation Officer

