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Via E-Filing

Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1050X
Regional Rail Right of Way Company — Abandonment Exemption — In Collin and
Dallas Counties, Texas

STB Docket No. AB-585 (Sub-No. 4X)
Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad, Inc. — Discontinuance Exemption — In
Collin and Dallas Counties, Texas

STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 288X)
Union Pacific Railroad Company — Discontinuance Exemption — In Collin and
Dallas Counties, Texas

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Attached please find letters from Dallas County Public Works (“Dallas County”) and the Texas Historical Commission (“THC”) for filing as environmental correspondence in the above-referenced dockets.

Dallas County has no comments on the proposed abandonment and discontinuance. THC has determined “No Effect” for the proposed abandonment and discontinuance. As specified in the Environmental and Historic Report filed in the above-referenced dockets, Regional Rail Right of Way Company does not plan to remove or alter any of the bridges referenced in the THC letter as a result of the proposed abandonment and discontinuance.

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If you have any questions regarding the attached letters, please feel free to contact me.
Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter W. Denton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter W. Denton
Attorney for Regional Rail Right of Way Company

Enclosure



DALLAS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

November 24, 2009

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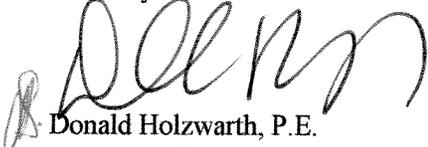
Dear Mr. Denton:

We are in receipt of your letter dated October 19, 2009, in reference to the proposed abandonment and discontinuance over a portion of the Cotton Belt Line.

We have reviewed the proposed action and have no further comments.

If you have any further questions or need additional information feel free to contact us at (214)653-7151.

Sincerely


Donald Holzwarth, P.E.
Director of Public Works
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Cottonbelt Rail file

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21 December 2009

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Re: *Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
Proposed Abandonments/Discontinuances in Collin and Dallas counties, Texas (STB)*

Dear Mr. Denton,

Thank you for the information on the above-referenced projects, which consist of an abandonment exemption for the Regional Rail Right of Way Company (STB Docket No. AB-1050X) and discontinuance exemptions for the Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad Inc (STB Docket No. AB-585 [Sub-No. 4X]) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (STB Docket No. AB-33 [Sub-No. 288X]). This letter serves as official comment from Texas' State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

THC staff members Linda Henderson and Adam Alsobrook reviewed the materials and concur with most of the determinations of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places:

- THC *concur*s with the findings of "Not Eligible" for the two open deck pile trestles: Spanky Branch Bridge 2 and McCamy Branch Bridge; at this time, these types of structures remain a common structure type, and due to the replacement of much of the original fabric, THC supports your determination.
- THC also *concur*s with the finding of "Eligible" for the 1917 pony truss at White Rock Creek.
- THC *does not concur* with the determination for the through-plate girder known as Spanky Branch Bridge 1, though. THC staff feels there is insufficient information to make a determination of eligibility. Without knowing how common a structure type in the Dallas area—or within Texas—THC staff at this time does not concur with the "Not Eligible" determination.

Regardless of eligibility, though, THC has determined "**No Effect**" for the abandonment and discontinuation of service on these lines. Again, this determination is for the abandonment and discontinuation only. We look forward to future coordination with DART if new projects or service are proposed for these resources.

Please contact either Linda Henderson at linda.henderson@thc.state.tx.us or Adam Alsobrook at adam.alsobrook@thc.state.tx.us if you have any questions about this review. Thank you for your cooperation with our office under the Section 106 review process and for your support in identifying and protecting Texas' irreplaceable historic resources.

Sincerely,



Linda Henderson

For

Mark Wolfe, State Historic Preservation Officer

