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November 10, 2011

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-1089X, *Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad,
LLC—Petition for Exemption—Yalobusha and Calhoun Counties,
MS*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for e-filing by the Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, LLC (“MSV”) is a letter from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History stating that it does not consider abandoning of the Line to be “an adverse effect to either archaeological or architectural resources.”

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for Mississippi & Skuna Valley Railroad, LLC.

Enclosure



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H.T. Holmes, Director

November 3, 2011

Ms Melanie Yasbin, Atty
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RE: Proposed abandonment of approximately 21 miles of rail line between Bruce Junction, Milepost 21.0 and Bruce, Milepost 0.0, Mississippi and Skuna Valley Railroad, MDAH Log #10-007-11, Calhoun and Yalobusha Counties

Dear Ms Yasbin:

We have reviewed your historic report, received on October 3, 2011, for the above referenced undertaking in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement for Mississippi and pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. Based on the information provided, we concur that the abandonment of the rail and removal of the rails is unlikely to have any direct effect to historic resources. Railroads in towns that developed because of the railroad may be contributing resources to National Register of local historic districts. As such, additional research in the future may cause our evaluation to change. However, we do not consider abandoning the line to be an adverse effect to either archaeological or architectural resources.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Williamson".

Greg Williamson
Review and Compliance Officer

FOR: H.T. Holmes
State Historic Preservation Officer