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October 23, 2001

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RE: CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
PROPOSED ABANDONMENT
RUPERT JUNCTION TO CLEARCO
GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
DOCKET NO. AB-55 (SUB. NO 598X)

Gentlemen:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption, filed September 21, 2001, requesting authority to abandon its line of railroad as above-described.

Attached is response dated October 15, 2001, from the West Virginia State Preservation Officer advising that ". . . the proposed rail corridor abandonment will have no effect on buildings or structures either listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places."

Sincerely,

Attachment

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Ms. N. S. Rosenberg, Counsel, CSXT, 500 Water Street - J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202

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October 15, 2001

Ms. Joanna Griffith
CSX Transportation
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RE: Rupert Junction to Clearco
FR#: 01-1415-GB2

Dear Ms. Griffith:

We have reviewed the above mentioned 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.

Architectural Resources:

Thank you for the submission of the HPI forms, photographs, and drawings for Bridge Nos. 47, 71, and 118. It is clear from the documentation you provided that the proposed rail corridor abandonment will have *no effect* on buildings or structures either listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please call Alan Rowe, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0220, extension 712.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Line Abandonment
Elmer, Lenoir County, NC
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 601X)

Dear Mr. Brook:

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. anticipates filing for abandonment of approximately 0.61-mile of its rail line near Elmer, Lenoir County, NC, as shown in the attached Historic Report.

In connection with rail lines that are to become the subject of applications for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a Historic Report covering the above proposed abandonment.

I will appreciate receiving your letter confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources. If you have questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Attachments

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