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Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
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RE: CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. - PROPOSED ABANDONMENT
Cowen to Bolair, Webster County, West Virginia
DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO. 603X)

Gentlemen:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice for Exemption filed on January 18, 2002, requesting authority to abandon its line of railroad as above-described.

Attached is the response, dated February 11, 2002, from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History advising that "...the rail line from Cowen to Bolair, including Bridge No. 1 is not eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places."

Sincerely

Attachment

Copy:

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

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WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF
CULTURE AND HISTORY

February 11, 2002

Ms. Stephanie M. Lemmon
CSX Transportation
500 Water Street - J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 603X)
Cowen to Bolair
FR#: 02-290-WB-1

Dear Ms. Lemmon:

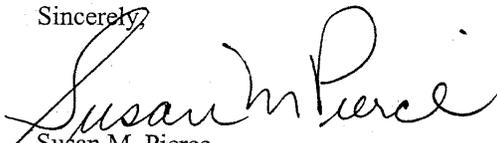
We have reviewed the above mentioned project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Architectural Resources:

We have determined that the rail line from Cowen to Bolair, including Bridge No. 1 is not eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consultation is necessary with this office regarding architectural resources.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please call Robin Fisher, Historian at (304) 558-0220.

Sincerely,


Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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