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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

2/19/08

Re: **Docket No. AB-325 (Sub-No. 4X), Florida Midland Railroad Company, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—In Sumter County, Florida**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The enclosed letter was received by our office and pertains to the above-referenced docket. Pursuant to the letter, a 106 condition does not appear to be necessary in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosure



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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March 19, 2008

RE. DIIR Project File No 2008-475
Surface Transportation Board - Abandonment Exemption
STB Docket No. AB-325 (Sub-No 4X) - Florida Midland Railroad Company
*Abandonment of a 4-mile Line from Milepost ST-762 10 in Wildwood to Milepost ST-766 10
near Orange Home*
Sumter County

Dear Mr. Barron.

Our office reviewed the referenced project for possible impact to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value. The review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended and 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties and the implementing state regulations.

Our records indicate that this portion of railroad is recorded in the Florida Master Site File as 8SM484. However, 8SM484 is not considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, based on the information provided, it is our opinion that the proposed abandonment will have no effect on historic properties.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Samantha Earnest, Historic Preservationist, by electronic mail swearnest@dos.state.fl.us, or at 850-245-6333 or 800-847-7278.

Sincerely,

Frederick P Gaske, Director, and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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