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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
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Washington, DC 20024

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Office of Proceedings
November 13, 2020
Part of
Public Record

Re: York Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption –
in York County, PA Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1307X

Yorkrail, LLC – Abandonment Exemption –
in York County, PA Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1308X

Dear Ms. Brown:

On November 2, 2020, York Railway Company (“YRC”) and Yorkrail, LLC (“Yorkrail”) submitted an Environmental and Historic Report in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR sections 1105.7 and 1105.8 for the abandonment of a line of railroad in York County, PA in the above referenced dockets. On November 13, 2020, YRC and Yorkrail received “no impact” responses from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”) and the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (“SHPO”). The NRCS and SHPO responses are enclosed with this letter as a supplement to the Environmental and Historic Report, Exhibit C and G.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Justin J. Marks
Counsel for York Railway Company and
Yorkrail, LLC

Enclosures



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service
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RE: York Railway Company and Yorkrail LLC – Abandonment Exemption
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1307X and AB 1308X
NRCS Determination for Easement Impacts – York County, PA

Dear Justin,

NRCS is in receipt of your correspondence dated October 7, 2020. York Railway Company and Yorkrail LLC are proposing abandonment for portions of the rail line that have not been utilized in recent years. Your correspondence requests input from NRCS on the environmental effects of the proposed abandonment.

Upon receipt of your request, NRCS asked that shapefiles of the impacted rail lines be provided. NRCS compared the location of easement properties with the proposed rail line abandonment locations. The rail lines do not intersect any NRCS held easement properties. As such, NRCS has determined 'no impact' for this project.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Hathaway Jones by phone at 717-237-2210 or by email at hathaway.jones@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Denise Coleman
State Conservationist

cc: Susan Marquart, Assistant State Conservationist for Management and Strategy, NRCS

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PROJECT REVIEW FORM

Request to Initiate SHPO Consultation on State and Federal Undertakings

SHPO USE ONLY

Reviewers: ED / MSDATE RECEIVED: 10/15/20 DATE DUE: 11/13/20ER NUMBER: 2021-0120-133-AHRSF: ☐

REV: 07/2020

SECTION A: PROJECT NAME & LOCATIONIs this a new submittal? ☒ YES ☐ NO OR ☐ This is additional information for ER Number:Project Name York Railway Company/ Yorkrail LLC Abandon County York MunicipalityProject Address See attached letter City/State/ Zip Multiple**SECTION B: CONTACT INFORMATION & MAILING ADDRESS**Name Justin MarksPhone (202) 772-0916Company Clark Hill PLCFax (202) 772-0919Street/PO Box 1001 Pennsylvania Ave Suite 1300Email jmarks@clarkhill.comCity/State/Zip Washington DC 20004

Email cc:

SECTION C: PROJECT DESCRIPTIONThis project is located on:
(check all that apply) ☒ Federal property ☐ State property ☐ Municipal property ☒ Private property

List all federal and state agencies and programs providing funds, permits, licenses.

Agency Type

Agency/Program/Permit Name

Project/Permit/Tracking Number (if applicable)

Federal

Surface Transportation Board

AB 1307X and AB 1308X

Proposed Work – Attach project description, scope of work, site plans, and/or drawingsProject includes (check all that apply): ☐ Construction ☐ Demolition ☐ Rehabilitation ☒ DispositionTotal acres of project area: See attached Total acres of earth disturbance:Are there any buildings or structures within the project area? ☒ Yes ☐ No Approximate age of buildings: UnknownDoes this project involve properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, or locally designated? Inventory here: <https://gis.penndot.gov/crgis>

Yes

No

Unsure

Name _____

Key Number _____

**Please email this form
and pdf attachments to:
RA-PH-PASHPO-ER@pa.gov**

Please be sure to save the Project Review Form so that it remains a digital document and retains its function as a fillable pdf. Do not print the form and scan as a pdf.

Attachments – Please include the following information with this form**Map** – 7.5' USGS quad, streetmap, or parcel map showing the project's Area of Potential Effect**Description/Scope of Work** – Narrative description of the project, including any ground disturbance and previous land use, and any potential to impact historic resources**Site Plans/Drawings** – Indicate location and age of buildings, any proposed improvements, and past and present land use**Photographs** – Digital photographs of all buildings and structures keyed to a site plan. If demolition or exterior changes are proposed to buildings more than 50 years old, please also include Abbreviated HRSF**SHPO RESPONSE (SHPO USE ONLY)**☐ There are **NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES** in the Area of Potential Effect ☐ **SHPO REQUESTS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** (see attached)☒ The project will have **NO EFFECT** on historic properties☐ The project will have **NO ADVERSE EFFECTS** on historic properties: _____ Key# _____

DIVISION CHIEF, ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

DATE: 11/13/20SHPO REVIEWER: ed