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Re: South Carolina Central Railroad Company, LLC – Abandonment Exemption for
Approximately 2-Miles of Rail Line Over 6 Rail Lines Serving the Sonoco
Products Company, Environmental/Historic Report
Hartsville, Darlington County, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 22-JS0236

Dear Mr. Marks:

Thank you for your letter of July 13, 2022, which we received electronically on July 13, regarding the above referenced proposed undertaking. We also received the Environmental/Historic Report dated July 13, 2022 as supporting documentation for this undertaking. Our office previously provided comments to you on June 9, 2022 regarding the proposed undertaking.

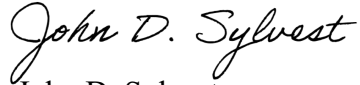
The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is providing comments to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes including those with state recognition, local governments, or the public.

Based on the description of the undertaking's Area of Potential Effect (APE) and the identification of historic properties within the APE, our office believes that no properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by this project.

If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal and glass objects, and human skeletal materials. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.

Please refer to SHPO Project Number 22-JS0236 in any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6129 or jsylvest@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Sylvest". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

John D. Sylvest
Project Review Coordinator
State Historic Preservation Office

cc: STB