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July 16, 2019

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Re: *Submittal of HABS-Like Level II Documentation to resolve adverse effects - Project Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Southwest Gulf Railroad Draft Cultural Resources Report, Medina County, Texas (STB/106, THC #201704530, STB Finance Docket No. 34284)*

Ms. Forbes:

On July 8, 2019, we received an archival quality copy of the HABS-Like Level II Documentation of four (4) adversely affected cultural resources previously identified in the *Resolution Plan to Resolve Adverse Effects to Historic Properties for the Southwest Gulf Railroad Company (SGR) Construction and Operation of Proposed Single Track Railroad* project in Medina County, Texas in accordance with the December 2015 Programmatic Agreement for the project. We also acknowledge receipt of an electronic version of this document in November 2018.

The adversely affected properties in the Upper Quihi Rural Historic District (UQRHD) are:

- HDR-AR-02, 1253 CR 353—individually eligible under Criterion A for agriculture and Criterion C for architecture, and as a contributing resource to the UQRHD;
- HDR-AR-04, 881 CR 353—individually eligible under Criterion C for architecture, and as a contributing resource to the UQRHD;
- HDR-AR-05, 6005 FM 2676—individually eligible under Criterion C for architecture, and as a contributing resource to the UQRHD;
- and HDR-AR-06—as a contributing resource to the UQRHD. The partial ruin of the main dwelling is also individually eligible under Criterion D for its potential to yield information about building technology and construction practices.

The Division of Architecture staff, led by Hänsel Hernández, has completed its review of the project information provided. The submitted HABS-Like Level II documentation on the four (4) rural historic resources is satisfactory and meets the conditions to minimize or mitigate adverse effects to historic resources as per the Programmatic Agreement. No further action is needed.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If you have any questions concerning our comments on National Register eligibility, please contact Justin Kockritz at 512-936-7403 or justin.kockritz@thc.texas.gov; if you have any questions concerning our comments on the potential effects of the project on historic properties, please contact Hänsel Hernández at 512-463-6083 or hansel.hernandez@thc.texas.gov; or, if you have any questions concerning our comments on archeological resources, please contact Emily Dylla at 512-463-5915 or emily.dylla@thc.texas.gov.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Hansel Hernández". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hansel" and last name "Hernández" clearly distinguishable.

Hänsel Hernández, Project Reviewer III, Division of Architecture
For: Mark Wolfe, State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Diana Wood, Surface Transportation Board
Phil King, Chair, Medina County Historical Commission

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