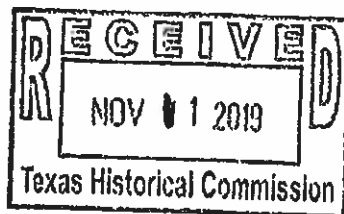


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NO HISTORIC
PROPERTIES AFFECTED
PROJECT MAY PROCEED
by Justin Kockritz
for Mark Wolfe
State Historic Preservation Officer
Date 11/25/2019

Re: **Docket No. AB-1291X**
Alcoa Energy Services, Inc. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- In Milam County, Texas

Dear Sir or Madam:

On or after November 15, 2019 Alcoa Energy Services, Inc. ("AESI") intends to file a Petition for Exemption ("Petition") with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502 and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.60 to abandon approximately 6.0 miles of railroad line from milepost 0.0 at Marjorie, Texas to milepost 6.0 at Sandow, Texas ("the Line").

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(b) and 1105.11, we are providing for your information the enclosed Environmental/Historic Report which will accompany the Petition for Exemption and which describes the proposed action and any expected environmental or historic effects. The Report also includes a map of the affected area (Appendix A) and an image of the sole structure on the Line (Appendix M). As apparent in Appendix N to the report, the undersigned misstated there were no structures; I regret the oversight.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the Board's independent analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Office of Environmental Analysis at the following address:

Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1106
Washington, DC 20423-0001
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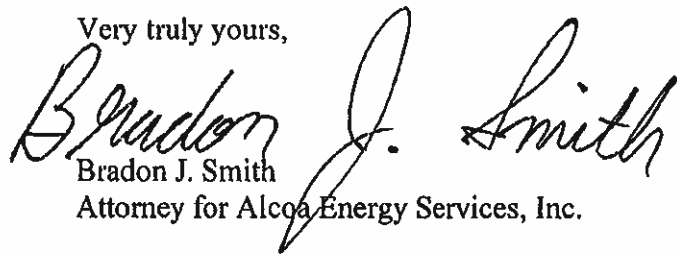
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Your comments should reference Docket No. AB-1291X and, if written, should include a copy to the undersigned. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the Office of Environmental Analysis would be appreciated within three weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, you should feel free to contact me directly at 312-252-1516. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Very truly yours,


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Attorney for Alcoa Energy Services, Inc.

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Enclosure