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Prince Edward Co Track Abandonment - DHR File No. 2014-0040

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Dear Mr. Wayland,

Please see the attached letter for the above referenced project. A hard copy will not follow so please print the attachment for your records. Should you have any additional questions, I can be reached at the phone number or email address listed below.

Regards,

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July 11, 2014

Mr. Joshua Wayland, Environmental Protection Specialist
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis

Re: Railroad Abandonment between Mileposts N 167.9 and N 168.9
Prince Edward County
DHR File No. 2014-0040

Dear Mr. Wayland,

On June 20, 2014, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) received additional information on the above referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. We understand that the project will be receiving federal approval from the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

DHR understands that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) is proposing to abandon service for 1.0-miles of rail between milepost N 167.9 and N 168.9 in Prince Edward County. The line is a smaller, western segment of a rail route that extended from Pamplin to Burkeville, Virginia. The segment was originally part of the Southside Railroad, an important transportation resource during the Civil War. It was constructed between Petersburg and Lynchburg between 1849 and 1854. The western segment is roughly 31-miles and was abandoned in 2005, and now largely comprises High Bridge Trail State Park. The purpose of the abandonment is to discontinue service, salvage the track and improvements to prepare for the extension of the adjacent High Bridge Trail State Park directly into the Town of Pamplin.

This Norfolk Southern rail line (DHR ID#006-5007) was determined potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Based upon a review of the information provided, we concur that the abandonment of the line will have no adverse effect on historic properties, however we requested that consultation is continued for the proposed trail

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pursuant to federal regulations. Should you have any additional questions, I can be reached at (804) 482-6084 or via email, andrea.kampinen@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



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