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Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
395 East Street, SW
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RE: CSXT Abandonment
Horse Creek Branch, Manchester, KY
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 704X)

Dear STB - SEA:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice for Exemption filed on August 16, 2010 requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated August 18, 2010 from Mr. Mark Dennen, Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer of the Kentucky Heritage Council, stating "...this proposal as outlined will have **No Effect** on historic properties..." and "...the four bridges along Horse Creek Branch are not historic properties...".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Dennen", written over a horizontal line.

Attachment

Copy: Ms. Kathryn Barney, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202



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MARK DENNEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND
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August 18, 2010

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**Re: Proposed Abandonment in Clay County, Kentucky
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 704X)**

Dear Mr. Magruder:

The State Historic Preservation Office has received for review and comment the above referenced proposal to abandon 2.95 miles of rail line in Manchester known as Horse Creek Branch. According to the information provided, 1.94 miles of the abandonment (Railroad Mileposts OCF 208.71 to OCF 210.65) will be reclassified as industry lead line for future sale or lease. The remaining 1.01 miles (Railroad Mileposts OCF 210.65 to 211.66) will be salvaged.

Based on our review of your historic report and our site files, we concur that this proposal as outlined will have **No Effect** on historic properties, so long as care is taken in the removal of track to limit activities to previously disturbed areas. While we do not take a position that timber trestle bridges are never eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, we do agree with your assessment that the four bridges along Horse Creek Branch are not historic properties as defined by 36 CFR Part 800.16L(1).

If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact Jill McNutt of my staff at (502) 564-7005, extension 121.

Sincerely,

Mark Dennen
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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