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File No.: 3480 STB PORT MACKENZIE RAIL EXTENSION

Catherine Glidden
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Subject: Finance Docket No. 35095, STB Determination of Effect for Segments 3 and 4, Port MacKenzie Railroad Extension Project

Dear Ms. Glidden:

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence on December 4, 2012.

Following our review of the documentation provided, we concur with the determinations and findings provided in your letter. Specifically, that except for a portion of the IDSHD (ANC-03326/TYO/00203), the survey of Segments 3 and 4 did not identify any other cultural resources or previously unidentified historic properties that would be affected by construction and operation of the PMRE project. We acknowledge that the STB previously determined that the proposed action may have an adverse effect on historic properties including the IDSHD (ANC-03326/TYO-00203) and that these adverse effects have been addressed through implementation of measures identified in the PA and MOU.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Shina duVall at 269-8720 or shina.duvall@alaska.gov if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judith E. Bittner".

Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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