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File No.: 3480 STB PORT MACKENZIE RAIL EXTENSION

Catherine Nadals
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Washington, DC 20423

Subject: Finance Docket No. 35095, STB Determination of Effect for 2013 Archaeological Surveys – Segment 2, Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project

Dear Ms. Nadals:

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence on December 18, 2013.

Following our review of the documentation provided, we concur that a finding of **no historic properties affected** is appropriate for the project activities located within in Segment 2 of the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project.

As stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3, other consulting parties such as the local government and Tribes are required to be notified of the undertaking. Additional information provided by the local government, Tribes or other consulting parties may cause our office to re-evaluate our comments and recommendations. Please note that our comment letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties.

Should unidentified archaeological resources be discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4) in consultation with our office.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Judith E. Bittner".

Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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