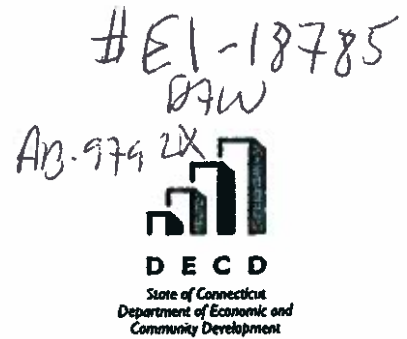




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January 11, 2012

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Suite 301
Towson, Maryland 21204

Subject: Connecticut Southern Railroad, Inc.
Abandonment of rail line
Suffield, CT
Docket No. AB-979 (Sub-No. 2X)

Dear Ms. Yasbin:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the information submitted for the abandonment of 2.4 miles of railroad line between milepost 2.0 and 4.4 on the Suffield Subdivision line in Hartford County.

It is the opinion of this office that Bridge #1 (41 57' 19N) and Bridge #2 (41 58' 27N) are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Based on the information provided, we expect that the proposed abandonment will have no adverse effect upon the state's cultural resources; however in order to preserve the historic bridges an alternative use for the line should be explored, for example a walking trail or park.

This office appreciates the opportunity to have reviewed and commented on this undertaking.

For further information please contact Laura L. Mancuso, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (860) 256-2757 or laura.mancuso@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

David Bahlman
State Historic Preservation Officer