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

Re: Railroad Abandonment between Mileposts CP 9.40 and CP 9.86
City of Hopewell
DHR File No. 2014-0799

Dear Mr. Wayland,

On July 2, 2014, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) received 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). Unfortunately, we do not have enough information to complete a review at this time.

DHR understands that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) is proposing to abandon service for 0.46-miles of rail between milepost CP 9.40 and CP 9.86 in the City of Hopewell. Following abandonment, the right-of-way will be conveyed to Regional Enterprises who wishes to expand its transload facility at the end of the line.

In order for DHR to make an informed decision on potential effects, please submit the following:

- Map showing the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for direct and indirect effects. Indirect effects in this particular case would include the limits of the abandonment, at a minimum.
- DHR archives search through the Virginia Cultural Resource Information System (V-CRIS) for the area within the indirect effects boundaries of the project, as it is the federal agency's responsibility to identify historic properties under Section 106.

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- Several representative photos of the project area within the APE, so we may get an idea of the surrounding environment, regardless of whether bridges are present, in order to assess effects.

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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