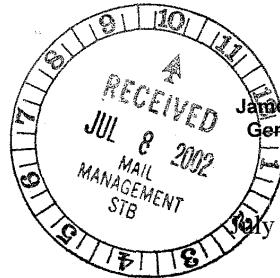




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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 234X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Mingo County, West Virginia

NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History in which it has been determined that there are no architectural resources on the line between Thacker and Colonel, West Virginia, and that no further consultation is necessary.

Accordingly, the abandonment between Milepost TR-0.0 at Thacker and Milepost TR-2.3 at Colonel, West Virginia, was consummated on June 28, 2002.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Rail Services Update
6343 Merritt Ridge
Madison, Wisconsin 53718-3118



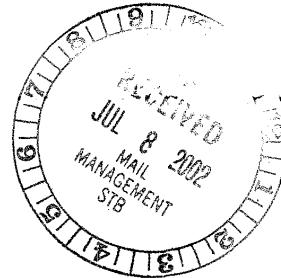
WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF
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June 19, 2002



Mr. James Paschall
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Norfolk, VA 23510

RE: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 234X)
Abandonment between Thacker and Colonel
FR#: 02-100-MO-1



Dear Mr. Paschall:

We have reviewed the above mentioned project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Architectural Resources:

After receiving your further information we concur that a potential historic district no longer exists in Thacker. Therefore, we determine that this project will have no effect on any property eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary with this office regarding architectural resources.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have any questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please call Robin Fisher, Historian at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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