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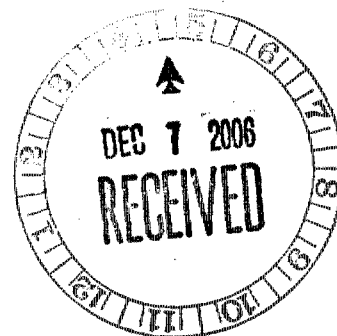
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 272X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company - Abandonment - In McDowell County, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

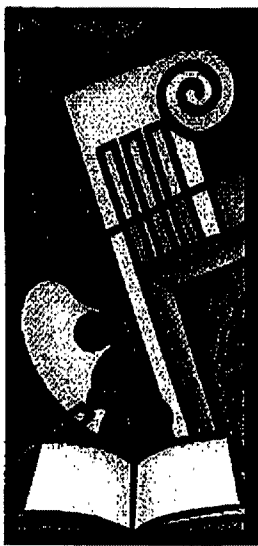
Enclosed for filing with the Board in the above referenced docket is a letter received from the West Virginia Department of Culture and History which states "It is our opinion that this project will have no effect to architectural resources that are eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is required."

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure



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November 29, 2006

Mr. Marcellus C. Kirchner
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RE: Docket No: AB-290 (Sub-No. 272X)
Abandonment
FR#: 07-6-MD-1



Dear Mr. Kirchner:

We have reviewed the "Historic Report Proposed Rail Line Discontinuance and Abandonment" for the above referenced 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.

Thank you for the completed Historic Property Inventory forms and additional information. We have reviewed the historic report and proposed abandonment of the rail line and it is our understanding that Norfolk Southern Railway Company is seeking authority to abandon 2.5 miles of rail line between railroad mileposts CB 0.0 and CB 2.5 in Caretta, McDowell County, West Virginia and to sell the right of way to a private party. Also, it is our understanding that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company will not be removing any rail line or bridges and has confirmed that there are no other structures within the right of way. It is our opinion that this project will have no effect to architectural resources that are eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is required.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Ginger Williford, Structural Historian, in the Historic Preservation Office at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Randall Reid-Smith
Commissioner

RRS/GW

cc: Susan M. Pierce, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer