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**Re: STB No. 192 (Sub - No. 2X) Birmingham Southern Railroad Company
Verified Notice of Exemption for Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service of 0.18
Mile of Birmingham Southern Railroad Company's "Old Port Branch" Line in Jefferson
County, Alabama**

Dear Mr. Williams

Please see the enclosed letter from the State of Alabama Historical Commission dated April 18, 2007, regarding the above-referenced abandonment. This should be the last agency letter required to complete the abandonment procedure. Please let me know if there is anything further that we need to do to complete the process.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping a copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, DHL overnight envelope. Should you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact me by calling (205) 783-2515. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Michael M. Partain
General Attorney



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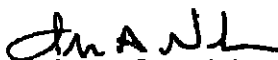
Re: AHC 07-0346
Docket No. AB-192 (Sub No 2X)
Old Port Branch Line Abandonment
Jefferson County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Partain:

Our office continues to concur with the line abandonment as stated in our letter of March 8, 2007. Furthermore, we continue to request consultation with our office should future salvage or demolition of this line be scheduled.

We appreciate your continued efforts on this project. Should you have any questions, my point of contact for this matter is Greg Rhinehart at (334) 230-2662. Please have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any correspondence.

Sincerely,


Colonel (Ret.) John A. Neubauer
State Historic Preservation Officer

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