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Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

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Re: Docket No. FD 35852, Canaveral Port Authority — Petition to Construct and Operate a Rail Extension to Port Canaveral, Florida: Tribal Historic Preservation Consultation

Dear «First_Name» «Last_Name»:

The purpose of this letter is to formally and respectfully invite the «Organization» to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) regarding the above-referenced project.

The Canaveral Port Authority (CPA) plans to file a request with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502 for authority to construct and operate approximately 11 miles of new rail line to Port Canaveral (Port) in Brevard County, Florida. The proposed Port Canaveral Rail Extension (PCRE) would also utilize approximately 17 miles of existing rail line at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) John F. Kennedy Space Center (KSC) to make a connection with a main line of the Florida East Coast Railway. The proposed PCRE would provide the Port with direct access to freight rail service. The new rail line would begin near the Port's North Cargo Area, extend west across the Banana River, enter KSC on Merritt Island south of Kars Park, and then turn north through KSC grounds where it would connect with KSC's existing rail line. The decision facing the Board whether or not to authorize the construction and operation of the rail extension is an undertaking subject to compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations at 36 C.F.R. Part 800. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is the office within the Board responsible for preparing the appropriate documentation for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as well as Section 106 of the NHPA. For your reference, Attachment A to this letter includes a map of the project area including CPA's proposed alignments.

OEA is interested in knowing your views as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, including any concerns or advice you may have for identifying and evaluating historic properties, including those that may have cultural and religious significance to your tribe. If we do not hear back from you, we will assume that do want to consult with us, and we will continue to provide you with information as we advance through the Section 106 process.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail please contact Dave Navecky of my staff at 202-245-0294 (david.navecky@stb.dot.gov). You may also contact Richard Starzak with ICF International (OEA's third party contractor) at 213-312-1751

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(richard.starzak@icfi.com). Information on this project is also available on a Board-sponsored project website at www.portcanaveralraileis.com and on the Board's website at www.stb.dot.gov, by placing your cursor on the "Environmental Matters" button, then clicking on the "Key Cases" button in the drop down menu and then selecting "Port Canaveral Rail Extension."

I respectfully request that you respond to Dave Navecky of my staff at your earliest convenience. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

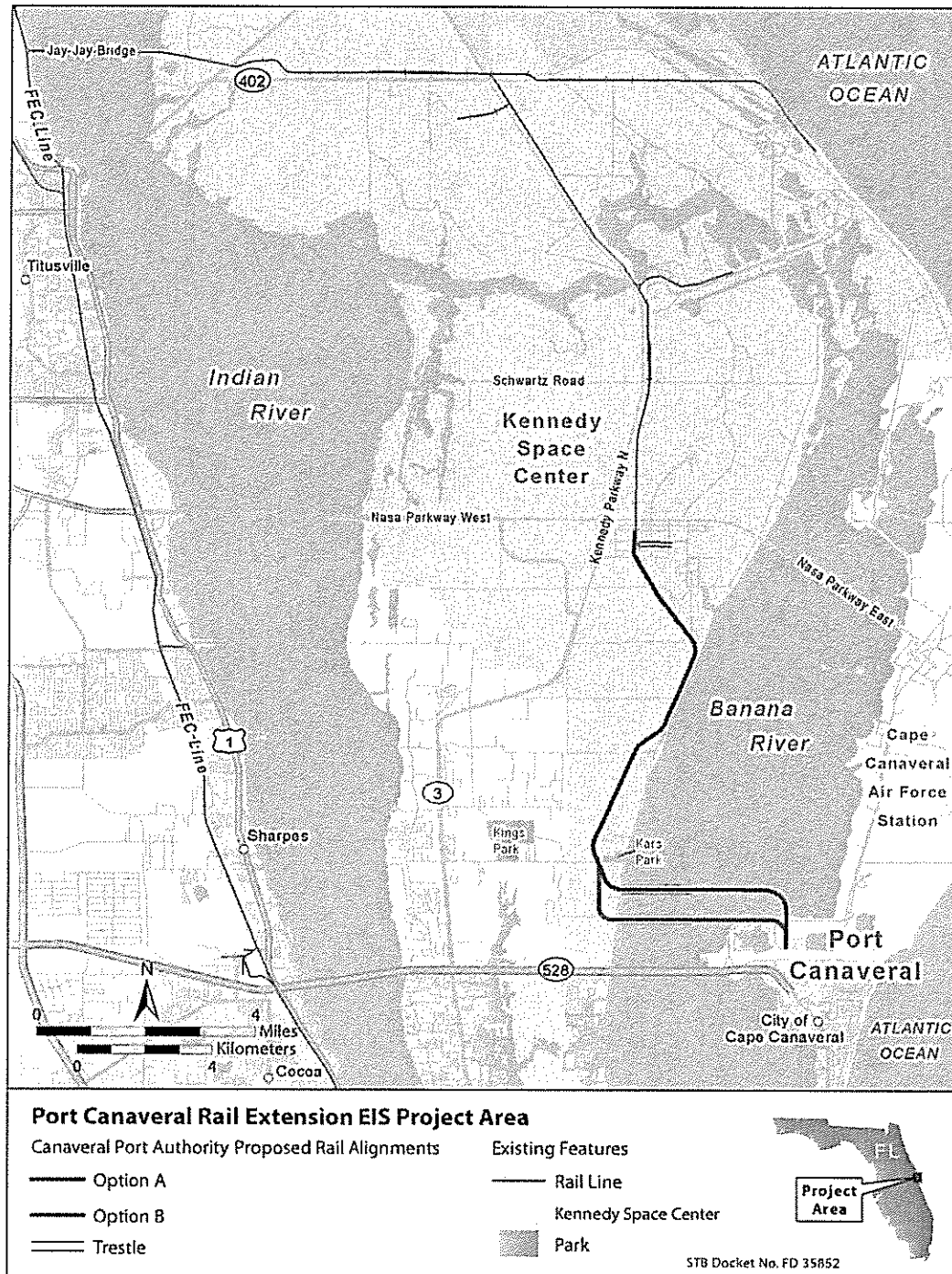
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "R".

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

cc: Richard Starzak, ICF International

Enclosure: Map of the project area including CPA's proposed alignments

ATTACHMENT A: MAP OF PROJECT AREA and PROPOSED ALIGNMENTS



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