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Mr. Robert Burns
PanAm Railways
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Project: MHPC# 0238-21 PanAm Railways; Maine Central Railroad
Madison Branch Abandonment
Town: Madison, ME

Dear Mr. Burns:

In response to your recent request, I have reviewed the information received July 2, 2021 to continue consultation on the above referenced projects in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Thank you for providing the photographs of the resources along the Madison Branch. Based on the information submitted, our office has determined that only the truss bridges along the Madison Branch are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, engineering. Neither the Branch corridor (including rails and ties) nor the culverts are eligible. *This is a new determination of eligibility.*

I have concluded that the proposed undertaking of abandonment and transfer will have **no adverse effect** upon historic properties.

However, our finding is conditional upon the following:

- 1) We recommend that the U.S. Surface Transportation Board include some type of provision in the transfer agreement that requires the State of Maine to consult with our office on any future work that is undertaken on the eligible truss bridges.

Please contact Megan M. Rideout at (207) 287-2992 or megan.m.rideout@maine.gov if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kirk F. Mohney
State Historic Preservation Officer