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Re: Proposed Rail Line Abandonment Petition, Milepost SC 0.33 – SC 2.3
Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 16JS0236
Docket No. AB-290

Dear Ms. Brodrick:

Thank you for your June 6, 2016 letter, which we received on June 8, regarding the above referenced proposed undertaking. We also received a Combined Environmental and Historic Report, maps, photographs, and appended agency letters as supporting documentation for this proposed undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office is providing comments to the Surface Transportation Board pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

More information regarding consultation with our office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is available on our website at <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/revcomp/Pages/default.aspx>. We recommend in the future providing our Section 106 Project Review Form to streamline consultation with our office, in addition to consulting and providing an ArchSite(GIS) map as part of your efforts to identify historic properties.

Our office needs the following documentation as described in 36 CFR 800.11 before providing our final comments on this undertaking:

(d) Finding of No Historic Properties Affected. Documentation shall include:

- (1) A description of the undertaking, specifying the Federal involvement, and its area of potential effects, including photographs, maps, drawings, as necessary;
- (2) A description of the steps taken to identify historic properties, including, as appropriate, efforts to seek information pursuant to § 800.4(b); and

(3) The basis for determining that no historic properties are present or affected.

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(e) Finding of no adverse effect or adverse effect. Documentation shall include:

- (1) A description of the undertaking, specifying the Federal involvement, and its area of potential effects, including photographs, maps, and drawings, as necessary;
- (2) A description of the steps taken to identify historic properties;
- (3) A description of the affected historic properties, including information on the characteristics that qualify them for the National Register;
- (4) A description of the undertaking's effects on historic properties;
- (5) An explanation of why the criteria of adverse effect were found applicable or inapplicable, including any conditions or future actions to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects; and
- (6) Copies or summaries of any views provided by consulting parties and the public.

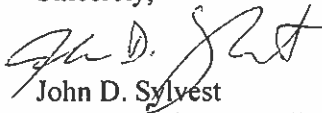
Our office believes the Area of Potential Effect (APE) to include the William Aiken House and Associated Railroad Structures, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a National Historic Landmark. The railroad right-of-way contributes to the significance of the historic property. More information regarding the historic property is available on our website at <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/charleston/S10817710007/index.htm>.

The submitted information did not describe the undertaking or make an assessment of effect as it pertains to the historic property, nor did it document the APE's existing conditions, especially within and adjacent to the historic property's boundary (see ArchSite(GIS), available at <http://www.scarchsite.org/>).

Our office believes the proposed undertaking has the potential to adversely effect the William Aiken House and Associated Railroad Structures National Historic Landmark (36 CFR 800.5(a)(1)). As such, we recommend consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation pursuant to 36 CFR 800.10.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6129 or jsylvest@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Surface Transportation Board