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Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Kiski Junction Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption –
in Armstrong and Westmorland Counties, PA
Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1317X

Dear Ms. Brown:

On July 21, 2021, Kiski Junction Railroad, Inc. ("KJRR") submitted an Environmental and Historical Report ("EHR") in the above referenced docket. Since, filing the EHR with the Board, the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office ("PA SHPO") has provided KJRR with the enclosed letter to be included as a supplement to Exhibit F. The PA SHPO's letter indicates that the KJRR abandonment will have no effect on historic properties or archeological resources.

Please let me know if there are any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Justin J. Marks'.

Justin J. Marks
Counsel to Kiski Junction Railroad Company

Enclosure



August 5, 2021

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RE: ER Project # 2021PR05351.001, Kiski Junction Railroad Abandonment Exemption in Armstrong and Westmorland Counties, PA Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB 1317 X , Surface Transportation Board, Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County

Dear Mr. Marks:

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

Above Ground Resources

No Above Ground Concerns - Environmental Review - No Effect - Above Ground

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above-referenced project. There may be above ground historic properties within the project area of potential effect. However, in our opinion the project as proposed will have no effect on historic properties, should they exist as long as the bridge is not removed or demolished. If the proposed abandonment (removal of rails) changes to include the demolition of the bridge, then as a potential historic resource, there is a potential for affect and further Section 106 consultation would be required. Should the scope of the project change and/or should you be made aware of historic property concerns, you will need to notify the PA SHPO at pashare@pa.gov and provide the revised designs for review and comment.

For questions concerning above ground resources, please contact Cheryl Nagle at chnagle@pa.gov.

Archaeological Resources

No Archaeological Concerns - Environmental Review - No Effect - Archaeological

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above-referenced project. Based on the information received and available in our files, in our opinion, the activity described in

your proposal should have no effect on archaeological resources. Our analysis indicates that archaeological resources are potentially located in this project area. If the proposed abandonment (removal of rails) changes to include the demolition of the bridge, which would include ground disturbing activities, then there is a potential for affect and further Section 106 consultation would be required. Should the scope of the project be amended to include additional ground disturbing activity and/or should you be made aware of historic property concerns, you will need to notify the PA SHPO at pashare@pa.gov. A Phase I Archaeological Survey may be necessary to locate all potentially significant archaeological resources.

For questions concerning archaeological resources, please contact Justin McKeel at jusmckeel@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea MacDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea MacDonald
Director, State Historic Preservation Office

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