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February 28, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20024

Re: **Docket No. AB 1233 (Sub-No. 2X)**
Allegheny Valley Railroad Company — Abandonment
Exemption — In Allegheny County, PA

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above referenced docket please find a letter from the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”), finding that the proposed abandonment will have “No Effect” on either Above Ground Resources or Archaeological Resources. Also please find attached the SHPO’s email transmitting the “No Effect” letter, confirming that its determination was based upon Allegheny Valley Railroad Company’s Environmental and Historic Report and the cover letter filed with the SHPO along with the Report on February 23, 2024.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Healey

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Enclosure



Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

February 26, 2024

Sent Via PA-SHARE

RE: ER Project # 2024PR00697.001, Brilliant Branch Abandonment, Surface Transportation Board, OHara Township, Allegheny County

Dear Submitter,

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

Based on the information received and available within our files, it is our opinion that the proposed project will have No Effect on above ground historic properties, including historic buildings, districts, structures, and/or objects, should they exist. Should the scope of the project change and/or should you be made aware of historic property concerns, you will need to reinitiate consultation with our office using PA-SHARE.

For questions concerning above ground resources, please contact Tyra Guyton at tyguyton@pa.gov.

Archaeological Resources

No Archaeological Concerns - Environmental Review - No Effect - Archaeological - No Ground Disturbance

Based on the information received and available within our files, the proposed project will have No Effect on archaeological resources. If project plans should change to include ground-disturbing activities and/or you should be made aware of historic property concerns, you will need to reinitiate consultation with our office using PA-SHARE.

For questions concerning archaeological resources, please contact John Gardosik at jgardosik@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Diehl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Emma Diehl

Environmental Review Division Manager

From: PA-SHARE <RA-phpasharednr@pa.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:40:35 PM

To: Emily K. Gurney; Thomas J. Healey

Subject: PA-SHARE Submission Response for Environmental Review Project Submission
2024PR00697.002 Brilliant Branch Abandonment

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Hello,

In response to review of your submission, PA SHPO has provided comments. Please follow the link below to review PA SHPO's response to your submission and any supporting information. **Further action on your part may be required to respond to PA SHPO requests for additional information.**

The description of the Submission: Environmental and Historic Report 2.23.24 including cover letter

You can access the submission at:

<https://share.phmc.pa.gov/pashare/communicate/address-response/9320677>

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Thank you,

PA SHPO