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Mr. Eric M. Hocky
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RE: Surface Transportation Board (STB)
Buffalo & Pittsburg RR abandonment
Milepost 8.4 (Orchard Park) to 36 (Ashford)
Erie and Cattaraugus Counties
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Dear Mr. Hocky:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the proposed railroad abandonment along the 3rd Subdivision railroad line. As the Surface Transportation Board is involved in the undertaking, the project review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the relevant implementing regulations.

Based upon our review of the information submitted, it is the opinion of the SHPO that the proposed abandonment of the tracks will have No Adverse Effect upon historical and cultural resources in the APE. The determination is made upon the condition that aside from publishing the proposed project to notify adjacent property owners, you will continue conversations with the owners of the Springville Station (Village of Springville) and the Western New York Railway Historical Society in Orchard Park regarding the disposition of the tracks near each station.

Thank you for your consultation. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 237-8643, ext. 3287. Please refer to the SHPO Project Review (PR) number in any future correspondences regarding this project.

Sincerely,

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