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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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 Case Control Unit
 Washington, DC 20423-0001

May 23, 2007

Attn: Christa Dean

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2007-2497 / Received by DHR: April 9, 2006
 Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 672X)
 Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service of Railroad formerly known as the Parrish
 Spur between Approximately Railroad Milepost 871.0 and Railroad Milepost 871.66 in
 Palmetto, Manatee County

Dear Mr. Williams:

This office reviewed the above referenced submittal in order to assist the identification of historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archeological value that could be affected. We conducted our review in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, and *36 C.F.R., Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*. The State Historic Preservation Officer is to advise and assist federal agencies when identifying historic properties, assessing effects to historic properties, and considering alternatives to avoid or minimize adverse effects to such properties.

We already reviewed the proposed action in Docket No. AB-55 in a letter dated March 19, 2007 (DHR Project File No. 2007-748) to Mr. Dave Geraci with CSX Transportation. Based on the information provided by Mr. Geraci, it was determined by this office that the Parrish Spur does not appear to meet minimum requirements for listing on the *National Register*. Based on the information provided, it is the opinion of this office that no historic properties will be affected by the action.

However, because the spur constructed around 1901 and it will be abandoned and most likely removed, we requested Mr. Geraci to document the spur. We requested that he forward a completed Florida Master Site File Group Resource Form, a black and white archival quality

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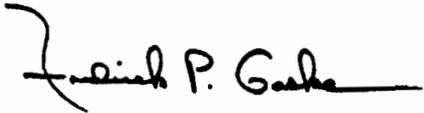
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photograph, and a location map to this office for inclusion in the Florida Master Site File. The Florida Master Site File forms are available on the web at <http://www.flheritage.com/preservation/sitefile>.

If you have any questions, **please contact James Toner, Historic Sites Specialist, by electronic mail jtoner@dos.state.fl.us, or at 850-245-6333.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frederick P. Gaske". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Frederick P. Gaske, Director, and
State Historic Preservation Officer