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Ms. Victoria Rutson  
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Washington, DC 20423

RE: Abandonment of 0.5 Mile of Rail Line, Portsmouth, VA  
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 680X)  
DHR File No. 2007-0886

Dear Ms. Rutson:

We have received a request to review and comment upon the above-referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. It is our understanding that CSX Transportation proposes to abandon one-half mile of rail line between Mileposts SA 0.28 and SA .078 in the City of Portsmouth. We will need additional information for our review, specifically a fully completed Project Review Application form, available for download from our website at [www.dhr.virginia.gov/environmentalreview](http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/environmentalreview). Please note that this application includes an archival search of our DSS database and appropriate mapping of any historic resources that may be affected by the proposed line abandonment.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our comments. I may be reached at [tonia.horton@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:tonia.horton@dhr.virginia.gov), or by phone at (804) 367-2323, extension 137.

Sincerely,

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