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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. AB-325 (Sub-No. 4X), Florida Midland Railroad Company, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—In Sumter County, Florida**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

The enclosed letter was received by our office and pertains to the above-referenced docket. Pursuant to the letter, a 106 condition does not appear to be necessary in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael J. Barron, Jr.  
Attorney

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Enclosure.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**Kurt S. Browning**  
Secretary of State  
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Mr. Michael J. Barron, Jr.  
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March 19, 2008

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2008-475  
Surface Transportation Board – Abandonment Exemption  
STB Docket No. AB-325 (Sub-No. 4X) – Florida Midland Railroad Company  
*Abandonment of a 4-mile Line from Milepost ST-762.10 in Wildwood to Milepost ST-766.10  
near Orange Home*  
Sumter County

Dear Mr. Barron:

Our office reviewed the referenced project for possible impact to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, or otherwise of historical, architectural or archaeological value. The review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended and 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties and the implementing state regulations.

Our records indicate that this portion of railroad is recorded in the Florida Master Site File as 8SM484. However, 8SM484 is not considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, based on the information provided, it is our opinion that the proposed abandonment will have no effect on historic properties.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Samantha Earnest, Historic Preservationist, by electronic mail [swearnest@dos.state.fl.us](mailto:swearnest@dos.state.fl.us), or at 850-245-6333 or 800-847-7278.

Sincerely,

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

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