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Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 9:21 AM

To: Wood, Diana <Diana.Wood@stb.gov>

Subject: STB Finance Docket No. 36095, Palmetto Railways-Construction and Operation Exemption-in Berkeley County, South Carolina; Preliminary Consultation

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 36095, Palmetto Railways-Construction and Operation Exemption-in Berkeley County, South Carolina; Preliminary Consultation

Ms. Wood,

Thank you for contacting the Muscogee (Creek) Nation concerning the above referenced project. This project is located within our historic area of interest and is of importance to us. We appreciate that you are contacting us early on in the process as this aids in getting our concerns to you. First, we would like to state that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation would like to participate in all aspects of the consultation process which includes government-to-government consultation. Please continue to send information concerning the project to us through email, section106@mcn-nsn.gov.

Also, we were wondering if any archaeological surveys had been conducted across the area for the proposed railway construction? Has the South Carolina SHPO been contacted concerning surveys within the area? Our office has to have an archaeological survey of the area to make our determination.

Again, we appreciate being contacted concerning this project. Should further information or comment be needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at (918) 732-7852 or by email at lwendt@mcn-nsn.gov.

Regards,
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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Wenonah Haire

Docket No. FD 36095, Palmetto Railways—Construction and Operation Exemption—In Berkeley County, South Carolina; Preliminary Consultation

Project Name: Palmetto Railways' proposed rail line in Berkeley County, South Carolina

Please check all the appropriate response(s) that apply from the list below and use the back of this form or additional sheets if you wish to make comments:

- We have no interests associated with Palmetto Railways' proposed rail line and further consultation with our Tribe is not required.
- We want to continue to receive project information by email and participate in the public involvement process.
- We want to continue to receive project information by U.S. mail and participate in the public involvement process.
- We have an interest in Palmetto Railways' proposed rail line and want to participate in government-to-government consultation.

We want Archaeological surveys in all areas of where ground disturbance will be new or deeper or wider than original disturbance

Name of the designated contact for Palmetto Railways' proposed rail line:

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Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 2:25 PM

To: Wood, Diana <Diana.Wood@stb.gov>

Subject: RE: STB Finance Docket No. 36095, Palmetto Railways-Construction and Operation Exemption- in Berkeley County, South Carolina; Preliminary Consultation

Ms. Wood,

Thank you for contacting the Muscogee (Creek) Nation concerning the Palmetto Railways-Construction and Operation Exemption in Berkeley County, South Carolina. I apologize for only now replying back to you concerning the project. This project is located within our historic area of interest and is of importance to us. After reviewing the material provided, and noting that no archaeological sites were noted during the phase I testing of the rail line, it has been determined that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has no objections to the proposed project. Please consider this letter as our concurrence to your request and findings of **no historic or traditional cultural properties affected**. However, should cultural material (i.e. pottery sherds, bricks, historic ceramics, glass, projectile points, debitage, etc.) or human remains be encountered during ground disturbance, construction or demolition, we request to be notified. Also, if there are any additional updates, we ask to be informed of these. Should further information or comment be needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at (918) 732-7852 or by email at lwendt@mcn-nsn.gov.

Regards,
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