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Mr. Alan Tabachnick
Surface Transportation Board c/o VHB
Attn: Environmental Filing (Docket #FD-36500)
940 Main Campus Drive, Suite 500
Raleigh, NC 27606

RE: File #0349-22; Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (CP) & Kansas City Southern (KCS)
Application for CP to Acquire KCS, Docket #FD-36500

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

Thank you for notifying our office of this project. We look forward to reviewing the results of your background investigations into the archaeological and built environment resources which may be affected by this project. In addition to known archaeological resources previously identified within the project area of potential effect and vicinity, we anticipate receiving your contextual documentation for the rail line and associated documentation for individual resources 45 years of age or older. Buildings and structures should be documented on Historic Preservation Resource Identification (HPRI) forms. Bridges should be documented on Oklahoma Historic Bridge Inventory (OHBI) forms.

For guidance in completing and submitting the above-referenced documentation to our office, please see the following resources available on our website:

Review and Compliance Manual: <https://www.okhistory.org/shpo/programs/106/rcmanual2015.pdf>

OK/SHPO Fact Sheet #2, Review and Compliance: <https://www.okhistory.org/shpo/docs/fs2rc.pdf>

OK/SHPO Fact Sheet #4, Historic Preservation Resource Identification:
<https://www.okhistory.org/shpo/docs/fs4hpri.pdf>

OK/SHPO Fact Sheet #16, Guidelines for Developing Archaeological Survey Reports in Oklahoma and Report Components: <https://www.okhistory.org/shpo/docs/fs16archreports.pdf>

We would like to offer the following references to help support a contextual discussion of the railroad:

- The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture includes several entries related to railroads in Oklahoma, including an entry on the Kansas City Southern:
<https://www.okhistory.org/publications/encyclopediaonline>
- Donovan Hofsommer, ed., Railroads in Oklahoma (Oklahoma Historical Society, 1977), available on the Gateway to Oklahoma History:
<https://gateway.okhistory.org/ark:/67531/metadc862892/m1/1/>
- W. David Baird and Danney Goble, Oklahoma: A History (University of Oklahoma Press, 2007).

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In addition to our review, you must contact the Oklahoma Archeological Survey (OAS), 111 E. Chesapeake, #102, Norman OK 73019-5111 (#405/325-7211, <https://www.ou.edu/archsurvey>) to obtain a determination about the presence of prehistoric resources that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Please note the proximity of this project to the Trail of Tears National Historic Landmark and to associated disbandment sites. Tribes have knowledge regarding cultural associations that the OK/SHPO would not have in our files. Considering this project crosses Cherokee Nation and Choctaw Nation reservation lands, and due to its proximity to the Trail of Tears National Historic Landmark and associated disbandment sites, we strongly encourage you to engage in consultation with tribal governments and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) with reservation lands and/or current or historic cultural associations with these lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please reference the above underlined file number when responding.

Sincerely,



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Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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cc: Elizabeth Toombs, Cherokee Nation THPO
Ian Thompson, Choctaw Nation THPO
Erin Murphy, VHB (via email)