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September 7, 2022

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 Proposed Acquisition of Kansas City Southern Railway, Docket #FD-36500

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

We have reviewed the documentation submitted on the referenced project, which we received August 16, 2022. We find that we are unable to complete the review of your project without the following additional information:

- (1) Please provide additional context to justify your recommendation that the Oil Branch Drainage Channel (OK-HE-027) is individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Specifically, please provide the following:
 - a. Additional photographs to show the extent of the channel and its current condition.
 - b. A boundary justification for the recommended eligible property.
 - c. Additional justification to support the claim that several concrete sidewalk bridges and culverts were built along with the channel (page 47 of submitted report). Please also provide photographs of these contributing features.
- (2) Please provide additional context to justify your recommendation that the Kansas City Southern Railway segment from Heavener to the Oklahoma/Arkansas state border (K-SHRE-01) and the segment from Watts to Poteau (K-HEAV-02) are each individually eligible for the NRHP. Specifically, please provide the following:
 - a. Additional photographic and documentary evidence to support the claim that each segment likely retains historic contributing features, including stone culverts and timber trestles (pages 41-42 and 49 of submitted report).
 - b. Additional justification to support the recommendation that each railroad segment is eligible for the NRHP under Criterion B.

If you should have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at 405/522-4479.

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

Sincerely,

Matthew Pearce, Ph.D.
 National Register Program Coordinator

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