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Danielle Gosselin
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Washington D.C., 20423

Re: Draft Report

La Division of Archaeology Report No. 22-7096

Phase I Archaeological and Above-ground Resources Survey for the Proposed Acquisition of the Kansas City Southern Railway by the Canadian Pacific Railway, in DeSoto, Sabine, and Beauregard Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Danielle Gosselin:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12 August 2022 and one copy of the above referenced report.

Based on the description of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), the proposed ground-disturbing activities, and the identification of historic properties within the APE, our office concurs with the assessment that no archaeological or above-ground historic properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be adversely affected by this project. We also concur that LHRI numbers 16-01547 to 01549, 01551-01554, 01556 and 06-00028-33 are not eligible for listing in the National Register. We agree that resource numbers 16-01550, 01555, 01557, and 06-00034 are eligible for listing. Our office has no further concerns for this project.

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office does not constitute consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public. If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal, and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately. If human remains are encountered, the provisions of the Louisiana Unmarked Human Burial Sites Preservation Act (Revised Statute 8:671-681) should be followed.

We are accepting the report as final; no further submissions are necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Chip McGimsey at cmcgimsey@crt.la.gov or 225-219-4598 or Nicole Hobson-Morris@ nmorris@crt.la.gov.

Sincerely,

Kristin Sanders
State Historic Preservation Officer