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Via email: alan.tabachnick@stb.gov

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 Surface Transportation Board
 495 E St. SW
 Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. FD 36406, Port Authority of Kansas City - Construction & Operation
 Exemption, Jackson & Clay Counties, Missouri– Comments of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

Aya, kweehsitoolaani– I show you respect. The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, a federally recognized Indian tribe with a Constitution ratified in 1939 under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936, respectfully submits the following comments regarding Docket No. FD 36406, Port Authority of Kansas City - Construction & Operation Exemption in Jackson & Clay Counties, Missouri.

The Miami Tribe offers no objection to the above-referenced project at this time, as we are not currently aware of existing documentation directly linking a specific Miami cultural or historic site to the project site. However, given the Miami Tribe's deep and enduring relationship to its historic lands and cultural property within present-day Missouri, if any human remains or Native American cultural items falling under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) or archaeological evidence is discovered during any phase of this project, the Miami Tribe requests immediate consultation with the entity of jurisdiction for the location of discovery. In such a case, please contact me at 918-541-8966 or by email at THPO@miamination.com to initiate consultation.

The Miami Tribe accepts the invitation to serve as a consulting party to the proposed project. In my capacity as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer I am the point of contact for consultation.

Respectfully,

Diane Hunter

Diane Hunter
 Tribal Historic Preservation Officer