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November 23, 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 #0349-23; [Previously #0349-22]; Canadian Pacific Railway Proposed Acquisition of Kansas City Southern Railway, Docket #FD-36500; Adair & LeFlore Counties, Oklahoma; Oil Branch Drainage Channel, Heavener, LeFlore County, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

We have received and reviewed the additional documentation submitted with your letter dated November 10, 2022, on the referenced project. The referenced property to be impacted has been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as the Oil Branch Drainage Channel. Based on the additional information, we concur with your opinion that the project, as proposed, will have **no adverse effect** on the historic property.

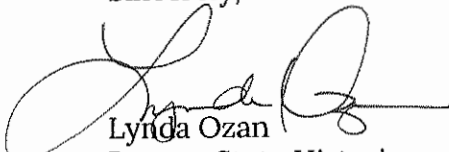
Our opinion is based on the fact that the project, as proposed, is limited to the extension of an existing rail siding which is of sufficient distance away from the historic property that it will not affect the eligibility of the resource. Furthermore, thank you for the commitment to physically avoid the resource during the course of the design and construction of the project. Thus, the project, as proposed, meets the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Please note that this project is located within the reservation boundaries of the Choctaw Nation and is therefore on tribal lands as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Section 106 regulations (36 CFR Part 800).

Unless you receive an objection from any other consulting party during the comment period pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.5(c)(1), this correspondence documents that your agency has completed the Section 106 process in accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations (36 CFR Part 800).

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Should further correspondence pertaining to this project be necessary, please reference the above underlined file number. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Matthew Pearce, Ph.D., National Register Program Coordinator, at 405-522-4479, or Sara Werneke, Historic Preservation Architect, at 405-522-4478.

Sincerely,


Lynda Ozan
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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cc: Dr. Ian Thompson, Choctaw Nation