

January 5, 2024

Ms. Diana Wood (Docket No. FD36727)
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

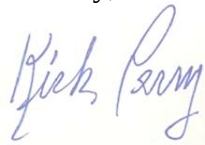
Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for the letter regarding the Surface Transportation Board's Docket No. FD36727, CSX Transportation, Inc. – Acquisition and Operation – Rail Line of Meridian and Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C., and Docket No. FD36732, Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited and the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, D/B/A CPKC – Acquisition and Operation – Certain Rail Line of Meridian and Bigbee Railroad, L.L.C., in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and Choctaw and Marengo Counties, Alabama.

The proposed project is outside of our area; therefore, we do not request government-to-government consultation with the Surface Transportation Board. While the Chickasaw Nation has no objection to this project, we respectfully defer to the federally recognized First American tribe(s) who have identified a connection to the project area.

We appreciate your efforts to preserve and protect significant historic properties. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Karen Brunso, tribal historic preservation officer, at (580) 272-1106 or by email at hpo@chickasaw.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirk Perry", is placed over a light yellow rectangular background.

Kirk Perry, Executive Officer
Division of Historic Preservation

cc: Diana.Wood@stb.gov