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NATURAL RESOURCES

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Alan Tabachnick
Surface Transportation Board OEA
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: **SHPO Project Number: 005-MLT-23** – Illinois Central Railroad Company – Acquisition of a Line of Railroad Between Kansas City, MO and Springfield and East St. Louis, IL – Kansas City Southern Railway Company (STB)

Dear Alan Tabachnick:

Thank you for submitting information to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above-referenced project for review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, P.L. 89-665, as amended (NHPA), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of historic properties.

We have reviewed the information regarding the above-referenced project and have included our comments on the following page(s). Please retain this documentation as evidence of consultation with the Missouri SHPO under Section 106 of the NHPA. SHPO concurrence does not complete the Section 106 process as federal agencies will need to conduct consultation with all interested parties. **Please be advised that, if the current project area or scope of work changes, such as a borrow area being added, or cultural materials are encountered during construction, appropriate information must be provided to this office for further review and comment.**

If you have questions please contact the SHPO at (573)751-7858 or call/email Jeffrey Alvey, (573) 751-7862, jeffrey.alvey@dnr.mo.gov. If additional information is required please submit the information via email to MOSection106@dnr.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Toni M. Prawl, PhD
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c: Diana Wood, STB



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COMMENTS:

We have reviewed the information provided in your letter dated March 3, 2023. We concur with your determination regarding the area of potential effect (APE) and the cultural resources that may be affected by the proposed undertaking. We are not aware of any historic properties within the APE beyond those identified by your own research. We also concur that the level of cultural resource investigation that you propose is appropriate.