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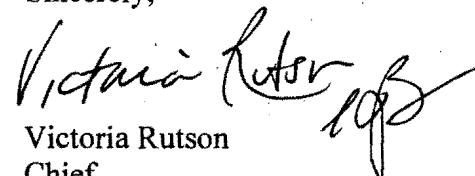
RE: Finance Docket No. 35237, City of Davenport, IA—Construction and Operation  
Exemption—In Scott County, Iowa

Dear Mr. LaPietra:

On August 17, 2010, the Surface Transportation Board (Board) accepted the invitation to be a cooperating agency in the preparation of a supplemental Environmental Assessment for the proposed Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Rail Project in Scott County, Iowa. The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis is the office responsible for conducting the environmental review process to ensure the Board's compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental laws, such as the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f (NHPA).

When more than one federal agency is involved in an undertaking, the agencies may designate a lead federal agency, which will act on all the agencies' behalf and fulfill their collective responsibilities under Section 106 of the NHPA. Accordingly, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(a)(2), the Board is designating the Federal Highway Administration as the lead federal agency for purposes of Section 106 review. If you have any questions, please contact Christa Dean by phone at (202) 245-0299 or e-mail at [christa.dean@stb.dot.gov](mailto:christa.dean@stb.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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