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Sent to Federal Agency
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June 23, 2008

Mr. Joseph Brings Plenty
Chairman
Cheyenne River Lakota Tribe
P.O. Box 590
Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Re: **STB Finance Docket No. 33407, *Historic District Treatment Plan for the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation's Powder River Basin Expansion Project* (LBG Tracking No. MNSD1)**

Dear Mr. Brings Plenty:

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is pleased to submit the above-referenced Treatment Plan to you for review and comment in accordance with the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA) regarding the Powder River Basin Expansion Project (Project), Finance Docket No. 33407.

The enclosed Treatment Plan was developed to comply with the terms and conditions of the PA. The PA lists specific activities to be completed that would mitigate adverse affects to historic properties. An evaluation of the railroad buildings and structures within the railroad right-of-way from Winona, Minnesota to Wall, South Dakota found that the 589-mile railroad corridor was a linear railroad historic district eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

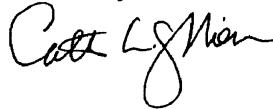
The Treatment Plan contains an overview of the Project including a brief history of the consultation process completed to date; a description of the historic district, its components, context, period of significance, and adverse affects resulting from the expansion; replacement, rehabilitation, and repair guidelines for the various components of the district; and proposed compensation and mitigation measures.

Between August 13-16, 2007 and on September 5, 2007, the public was invited to provide comments on the development of the Treatment Plan through open house format public meetings

in Wall, Pierre, and Huron, South Dakota; and Tracy and Winona, Minnesota. Comments received during these meetings and responses to comments are included in Appendix B of the Treatment Plan.

In accordance with the PA, the Treatment Plan is being sent to appropriate Federal agencies, SHPOs, and Tribal representatives for review and comment. You have thirty (30) days from receipt of this letter to provide us with your comments, if any. If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact me at (202) 245-0293 or by email gliddenc@stb.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine L. Glidden", written in a cursive style.

Catherine L. Glidden
Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosure: Copy of *Historic District Treatment Plan for the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation's Powder River Basin Expansion Project* (LBG Tracking No. MNSD1)

Cc: Distribution list
Dave Bibler, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.