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Dennis A. Gimmestad  
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345 Kellogg Boulevard West  
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Re: **STB Finance Docket No. 33407: Final Historic District Treatment Plan for the Winona & Saint Peter/Dakota Central Railroad Historic District (LBG Report MNSD1)**

Dear Dennis A. Gimmestad:

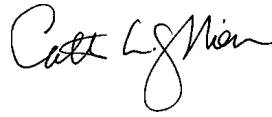
The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is pleased to provide you with the Final Historic District Treatment Plan for the Winona & Saint Peter/Dakota Central Railroad Historic District. The treatment plan lays out agreed upon measures to mitigate any adverse effects that could result from the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad (DM&E) Project to the historic district. It has been revised in response to your September 15, 2008 comments as well as comments received from the South Dakota SHPO. Copies of this treatment plan are also being mailed to the South Dakota SHPO and other Section 106 consulting parties under separate cover.

Please note that the plan does not include treatment provisions for any railroad-related archaeological sites as requested in Item 1 of your September 15, 2008 letter. While we feel it would have been ideal to include all historic properties related to the railroading context in this plan, we have yet to complete archaeological field investigations at these sites. We anticipate that this work will be completed later this fall or possibly next spring. Once this work is completed and the eligibility of those sites has been determined, we will incorporate suggested treatments for those properties as an addendum to this plan (see Section D.1 of the PA).

As a note of clarification: STB does not have jurisdiction over railroad owned historic properties and cannot impose conditions that would require long term management over such resources. Consequently, we do not have the authority to force DM&E to provide long term management of railroad related properties under their ownership. Any such management plan would have to be developed by DM&E on a voluntary basis.

You have an additional thirty (30) days to review the treatment plan pursuant to Section C.2 of the Section 106 Project Programmatic Agreement (PA). If you have additional questions or comments regarding the treatment plan, please contact me by email, [gliddenc@stb.dot.gov](mailto:gliddenc@stb.dot.gov), or telephone at (202) 245-0293.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine L. Glidden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Catherine" being more prominent than the last name "Glidden".

Catherine L. Glidden  
Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Final Historic District Treatment Plan; September 15, 2008 Letter

Cc: (letter only)

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