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Mr. Don Klima
Director of Federal Agency Programs
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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Project; Request for Advisory Council Participation

Dear Mr. Klima:

The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) requests the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (Advisory Council) involvement in the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation's Powder River Basin Expansion Project located in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. A Programmatic Agreement was executed for this project in May 2003 (amended May 2008) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.14 (b). Significant progress has been made by the consulting parties to this agreement; however, due to the project's unusual breadth and complexity, tribal concerns, and large number of significant historic properties likely to be affected, SEA believes it would be in the best interest of all the consulting parties to have the Advisory Council participate in this project pursuant to 36 CFR 800 (Appendix A).

Thanks in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please call me at 202-245-0293 or contact me by email at Catherine.Glidden@stb.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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