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December 24, 2008

Mr. Gordon L. Yellowman
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Re: Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation
Construction into the Powder River Basin; Meeting Invitation

Dear Mr. Yellowman:

The Surface Transportation Board's (STB) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) invites you to attend a one-day government-to-government Tribal consultation meeting to discuss the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation's Construction project into the Powder River Basin. The summit will be held January 15, 2009 at the Grand Gateway Hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Meeting Purpose and Goals

STB must resolve National Register of Historic Places eligibility for a number of archaeological sites that are currently unevaluated and may have traditional religious and cultural significance to your Tribe. Enclosed with this letter is a study plan prepared by SEA intended to help us gather the information we will need to make an informed determination of eligibility for these unevaluated sites, many of which include stone circles and/or rock cairns. Our study plan emphasizes the need to involve interested tribes in this effort. In particular, we seek your help in identifying tribal elders and other cultural experts who may have special knowledge of the project area and/or important cultural features that may be affected by the project. We are also asking for your help in arranging and conducting interviews with these tribal members and in arranging field visits by traditional leaders to these unevaluated sites.

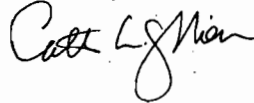
The primary goals for the meeting will include clarifying our information needs and discussing the study plan, confidentiality and proprietary information concerns, contracting procedures for tribal members who agree to participate in the study, and schedules for completing the interviews and field visits. I have enclosed a draft of the meeting agenda with this letter for your review. Please contact me or Randy Withrow if you have any recommendations or topics of specific interest that you would like added to the agenda.

Requirements for Attending the Meeting

The January 15, 2009 meeting is being held on a government-to-government basis between the STB and Federally recognized Tribes only. As such, only formally designated Tribal government representatives are invited to attend. In order to ensure that only Tribal designees are represented at the meeting and that we are able to make proper arrangements for meeting room space, meals and lodging, **all attendees must pre-register by January 5, 2009**. Please complete the enclosed pre-registration form and return it by mail or fax to the program organizer, Randy Withrow, at the address listed on the attached form. A \$200 honorarium will be provided for the day of the meeting as well as lodging, meals, and round-trip mileage reimbursement for one representative from each Tribal government that wishes to attend. Those representatives who wish to receive honorarium and expense reimbursement at the time of the meeting must include a mileage figure for round-trip travel on the enclosed pre-registration form so that a check can be prepared in advance of the meeting. Those who do not provide this information will receive reimbursement by check within two weeks following the meeting.

Thank you for your time and continued assistance with this project. I look forward to seeing you in Rapid City.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mr. Darrell Flying-Man Chairman

Enclosures: Distribution List
Traditional Sites Evaluation Study Plan

Tribal Consultation Summit

Rapid City, South Dakota

January 15, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DRAFT AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration Continental Breakfast
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9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks Opening Prayer Introduction & Purpose Statement <i>Cathy Glidden (STB)</i>
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9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Traditional Sites Evaluation Key Elements of the Study Plan Archival Research Conducting Interviews With Tribal Experts Field Visits by Traditional Leaders Confidentiality and Proprietary Information Concerns
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10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break Refreshments
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10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Discussion
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12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
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1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Contracting and Field Reviews Roles for Tribal Subcontractors Contracting Procedures Scheduling Field Reviews
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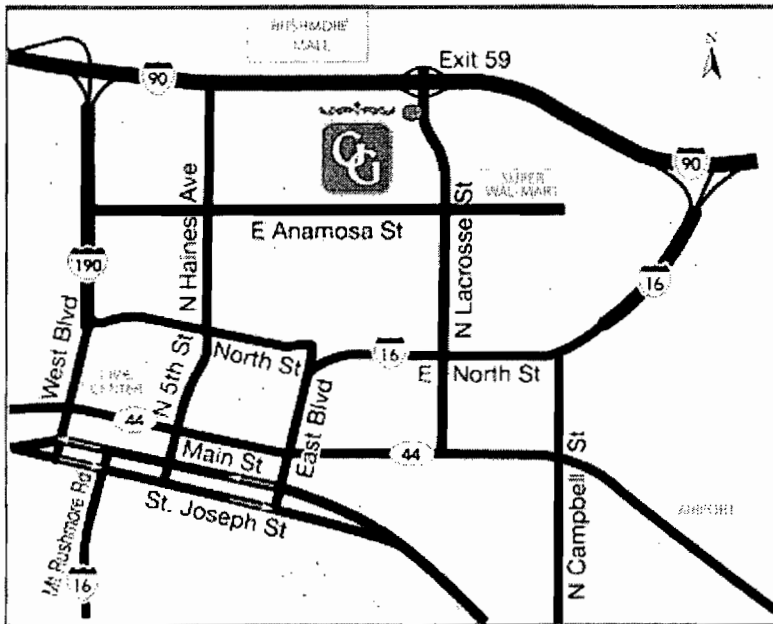
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break Refreshments
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2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Summary Discussion Closing Prayer
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Map of Meeting Location

Meeting Location:

Grand Gateway Hotel
1721 N. LaCrosse Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
(866) 742-1300



The Grand Gateway is conveniently located just off **I-90, Exit 59**, at the gateway to the **Black Hills**.

Surface Transportation Board
Tribal Consultation Summit
Rapid City, South Dakota
January 15, 2009

Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Representing: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please Indicate Dates For Which You Require Overnight Lodging

☐ Wednesday, January 14, 2009

☐ Thursday, January 15, 2009

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Please Calculate Your Round-Trip Mileage Expense

Traveling From: _____ To: Rapid City, SD

Round-Trip Distance: _____ Miles @ \$0.55/mile = _____

In order to receive expense reimbursement at the Summit Meeting we must receive your Pre-Registration Form no later than January 5, 2009. Those who do not pre-register will receive a reimbursement check within two weeks following the meeting.

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