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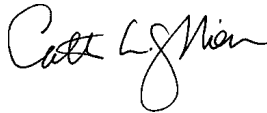
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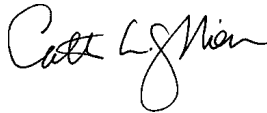
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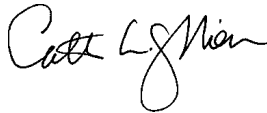
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Mr. James Kangas
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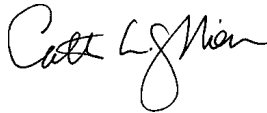
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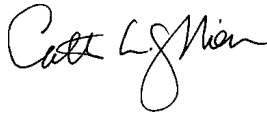
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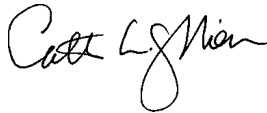
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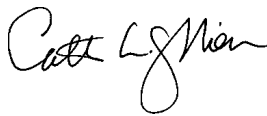
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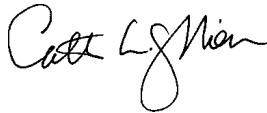
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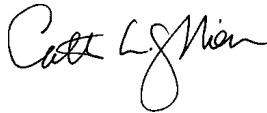
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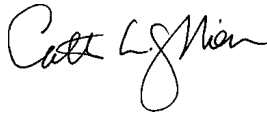
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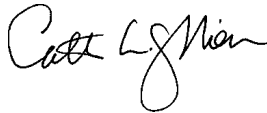
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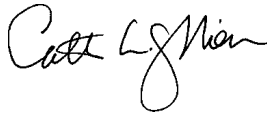
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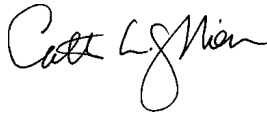
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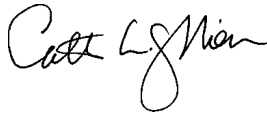
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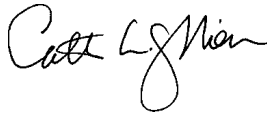
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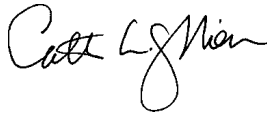
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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Expansion: Request for Review and Comment on 21 Archaeological Sites

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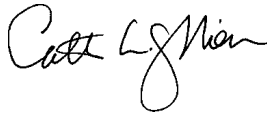
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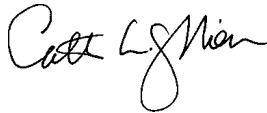
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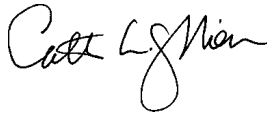
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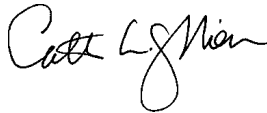
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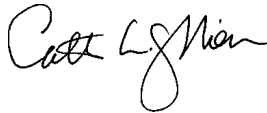
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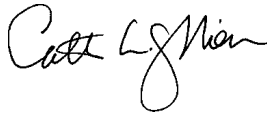
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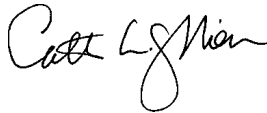
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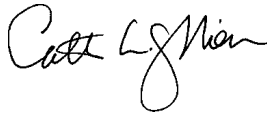
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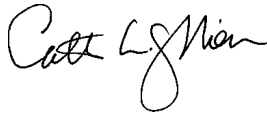
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108 Spirit Lake Avenue West
Niobrara, NE 68760

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Expansion: Request for Review and Comment on 21 Archaeological Sites

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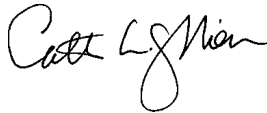
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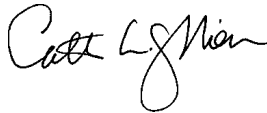
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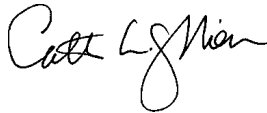
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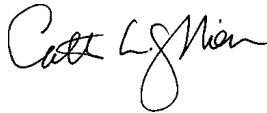
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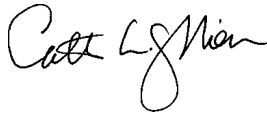
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Mr. Perry Brady
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New Town, ND 58763

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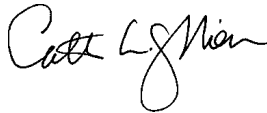
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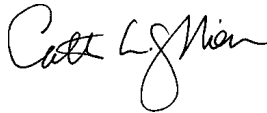
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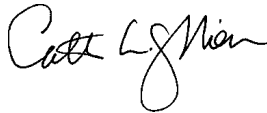
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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Construction into the Powder River Basin Expansion: Request for Review and Comment on 21 Archaeological Sites

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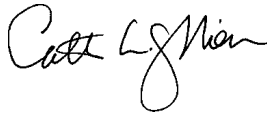
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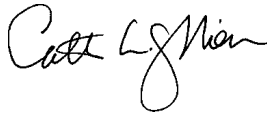
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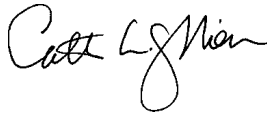
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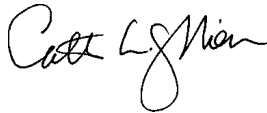
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