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Mr. Gary Robinette
Historic Preservation Officer
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
P.O. Box 288
Niobrara, NE 68760

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation
Construction into the Powder River Basin: Draft Cultural Resources Report

Dear Mr. Robinette,

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is pleased to provide you with the draft cultural resources report, *A Level III Cultural Resources Evaluation of the Proposed Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Powder River Basin Expansion Project Corridor, Huron Yard Locale, Beadle County, South Dakota*, for your review and comment.

Your comments and/or suggested changes must be provided within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Please send your comments directly to David Bibler, Project Manager for the Louis Berger Group Inc. (SEA's third-party contractor). If you have any questions or comments regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact me at 202-245-0293 (Catherine.Glidden@stb.dot.gov) or David Bibler at 319-373-3043 (dbibler@louisberger.com). Pursuant to the PA, SEA will assume that the lack of comments provided within the review period will mean your concurrence with its content and findings.

Thank you taking the time to review the enclosed report. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Catherine Glidden
Section of Environmental Analysis

Cc: Mr. Wright Jr., Chairman

Enclosure: *A Level III Cultural Resources Evaluation of the Proposed Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Powder River Basin Expansion Project Corridor, Huron Yard Locale, Beadle County, South Dakota* (August 2007)