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RE: Railroad Construction in Lake County, TN

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To: Joseph Garrison <Joseph.Garrison@tn.gov>

Dr. Garrison,

I am contacting you regarding a proposed rail line construction in Lake County, Tennessee (Surface Transportation Board Docket No. FD 35802). On January 19, my office received a letter from the Tennessee Historical Commission stating the project as currently proposed will adversely affect properties that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The letter does not provide any additional information regarding what properties would be affected by the rail line construction.

During our consultation with your office over the past year, we have not identified any properties that could be affected by the proposed rail line; on July 10, 2015, we sent a letter documenting our finding of no historic properties affected, with which your office concurred (see emails below). If the SHPO's opinion regarding the potential effect of the proposed rail line to historic properties has changed, can you please provide us with additional information about the properties that would potentially be affected, so that we can incorporate this information into our Section 106 review and begin to develop appropriate mitigation measures?

I am sorry I have not been able to reach you on the phone about this; is there a time convenient to you when I can give you a call?

Best regards,

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Subject: RE: Railroad Construction in Lake County, TN

Mr. Wayland,

Thank you for your recent email. You are correct. The Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office has concurred that no Historic Properties will be affected by this Federal undertaking. We appreciate the discernment and diligence that prompted your inquiry.

Best,

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"I can explain it to you, but I can't understand it for you"

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Dr. Garrison,

I am following up regarding a proposed rail line construction at Cates Landing in Lake County, TN by the Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority. My agency is in the process of finalizing the environmental and historic review for this project. Before we publish the Environmental Assessment, I wanted to follow up your your office once again regarding the Section 106 review. The last communication we received from the Historical Commission was on June 15, 2015 and is attached to this email. In response, we sent a letter dated July 10, 2015 to document our finding of no historic

properties affected (also attached). Can you confirm that the Tennessee Historical Commission still does not have any concerns regarding this proposed project? Please feel free to call me at the number below.

(See attached file: EI-21020.pdf) (See attached file: EO-2605.pdf)

Thank you for your assistance,

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