



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

March 27, 2015

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Re: Invitation to Be a Consulting Party in the Section 106 Process
STB Docket No. AB 1068 (Sub-No. 3X) – Missouri Central Railroad
Company – Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In
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Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians
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Janice Rowe-Kurak
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Route 1
PO Box 721
Perkins, OK 74059

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March 27, 2015

Andrea Hunter
The Osage Nation
PO Box 779
Pawhuska, OK 74056

Re: Invitation to Be a Consulting Party in the Section 106 Process
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Company – Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In
Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and
Franklin Counties, Mo.

Dear Ms. Hunter:

I am writing to invite you, as a representative of the Osage Nation, to participate as a consulting party in a process required of federal agencies under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In this letter, I will summarize the rail line abandonment license request that is currently pending before the Surface Transportation Board (Board), the federal agency that regulates entry and exit licenses for common carrier freight railroads. I then explain what is involved in being a consulting party, the steps in the consultation process, and why I am asking you to become a consulting party in this proceeding.

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We have identified the Osage Nation as a potential consulting party, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.3, and are writing to invite you to participate in the Section 106 process, including the possible development of a Memorandum of Agreement, to help resolve the adverse effect. **Please respond before April 27, 2105 if you would like to participate in the Section 106 process of this proceeding.**

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Cynthia Stacy
Peoria Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma
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Dear Ms. Stacy:

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Dear Mr. Buffalo:

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