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**Re: STB Docket No. AB - 512X, Sierra Pacific Industries –
Abandonment Exemption - in Amador County, CA**

Dear Ms. Duvall-Gabriel:

On November 12, 2004, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) filed a petition for exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeking approval authority to abandon a 12-mile railroad line in Amador County, California. The Board's approval of the abandonment is considered an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f (NHPA), and is thus covered under its provisions. The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is responsible for conducting the environmental review process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the NHPA.

In this proceeding, SEA determined that the proposed abandonment would have an adverse effect on the Amador Central Railroad Historic District and associated historic resources. As a result of the Section 106 consultation process, SEA worked with the California Office of Historic Preservation (State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO), SPI, the Amador County Board of Supervisors, and other interested parties to develop and execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.6.

In compliance with Section V.C. of the MOA, this letter notifies the signatory parties that all the terms of the MOA have been satisfactorily fulfilled and, therefore, the MOA is terminated. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this proceeding, please do not hesitate to call me or Christa Dean at (202) 245-0299.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis

cc: Dave Brown, Sierra Pacific Industries
Milford Wayne Donaldson, California Office of Historic Preservation