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**Re: Western Kentucky Railway LLC Abandonment in Webster, Union, Caldwell, and
Crittenden Counties, KY STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub. No. 3X)**

Dear Mr. Hocky:

The State Historic Preservation Office has received for review and comment the environmental/historic report for the above referenced project. According to your submission, notice of this abandonment was submitted to our office but a response was not received.

Our original notice of this abandonment was received on June 10, 2010. We responded in a letter addressed to Carol Lydon of your office on July 7, 2010. This letter is included in Exhibit B of your document. Please update Section 7 of your Historic Report to reflect that a response was received from our office.

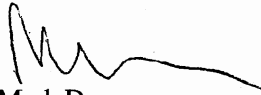
Attachment F of this report identified only three structures over 50 years of age near the abandonment lines. These included an old mine and its buildings in Clay which are near the track, a bridge located at Blackford, and the former locomotive shop in Clay, all located along Line 2 (between MP 0.0 at Blackford and MP 3.8 at Pyro Wye, and between MP 3.8 and 8.5 at Clay.

Based on the photographs provided, the mine buildings and the locomotive shop and associated tank structure do not appear to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We do not have enough information to determine whether the bridge is eligible for listing. However, we maintain our original position that the undertaking will have **No Adverse Effect** on historic properties so long as no subsurface disturbance is planned in the removal of remaining track, salvage does not require the use of heavy machinery that creates additional ground disturbance, and the bridge is left in place as was indicated in the original submission.

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If any of these conditions have changed since we were originally contacted, or if previously unidentified historic resources over 50 years of age are discovered in the course of work that results from the abandonment, additional consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will be required. Questions regarding these comments can be directed to Jill McNutt of my staff at (502) 564-7005, extension 121.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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