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Frances McSwain
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
The Department of Arkansas Heritage
1500 Tower Building
323 Center Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: AHPP Tracking Number 78985: Section 106 Review—STB Proposed Caddo Valley Railroad Company, Abandonment Projects from MP 429.45 to MP 447, and from MP 447 to MP 479.2

Dear Mrs. McSwain:

I have received your letter of November 2, 2011 and am in the process of obtaining the information needed to respond thereto. In the interim, I have determined that an error was made in delineating the location of the subject lines on the 1:24,000 scale U.S.F.S. topographic maps that were previously tendered to the Department in response to its letter dated October 5, 2011. Please note that the portion of the former Missouri Pacific line that once extended in a northerly direction through Caddo Gap to Norman, Arkansas was abandoned many years ago. That portion of the line should not have been highlighted.

As of this date, the Caddo Valley Railroad ("CVRR") line (labeled as the Missouri Pacific line on all of the topographic maps) terminates at GS Roofing's grinding mill, which is located in Section 19 of the CADD0 GAP, ARK topographic map. More precisely, the GS Roofing facility is located approximately 1 mile south of the Caddo Gap community on the southwest side of State Routes 8 and 27 and approximately 3/10s of a mile north and west of the intersection of Slate Mill Road with State Routes 8 and 27. Slate Mill Road is the improved surface road that extends to the east from a point designated "618" to the Quarry. See Sections 19 through 22 in the CADD0 GAP, ARK topographic map.

Please note that no portion of the CVRR line that is proposed to be abandoned remains on the Norman, ARK topographic map that was filed with you. That map should be discarded.

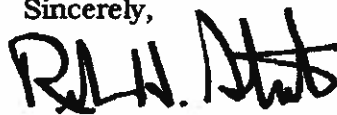
I also invite your attention to the GURDON, ARK topographic map. It is my understanding that the highlighted portions of the CVRR line (also labeled as the Missouri Pacific) erroneously extends into Gurdon. The portion of the line that is to be abandoned begins at a point in Section 17 that is approximately 2 miles northwest of Gurdon. More precisely, the segment that is to be abandoned commences at a point labeled "BM 222" on the map that is approximately one hundred (100) southeasterly of

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the centerline of State Highway 53 at railroad milepost 429.45. The track that lies to the east and south thereof is now owned by Arkansas Midland Railroad is not being abandoned.

I apologize for any confusion regarding the delineation of the project area. If you have any questions regarding the maps, please call me at 202-363-2011. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.H. Streeter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard H. Streeter

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cc: James E. Smith, Jr.
Victoria Rutson