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Application Floodplain Development Permit 2014.pdf

Diana –

I am sure you're still reviewing the materials in connection with your preparation of an EA, and, well, here's more, courtesy of the Omaha City Planning Department.

Do you think we could arrange a time to discuss this project to see where it is heading?

- Rob

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Rob,

Thanks for reaching out about the bridge removal. I would say that for regulatory purposes a Flood Plain Development permit would be required based upon the work being performed.

I've attached the application form for your use and a \$54 fee is required for the submittal. If you have any additional exhibits and/or an abstract of the proceedings you can submit that as well.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank You,

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On Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 10:54 AM, Robert Wimbish <rwimbish@fletcher-sippel.com> wrote:
Dear Mr. Gibbons --

I am contacting you at the behest of Mr. Mitch Paine of the Nebraska DNR. As you may be aware, my client, the Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company ("CCP") recent filed for federal authority to abandon a segment of its rail line extending between Council Bluffs, IA, and Omaha, NE. The subject line segment is located primarily upon a CCP-owned bridge spanning the Missouri River, but there are short, landed segments on either side of the bridge that are also included in the proposed abandonment currently pending approval by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board ("STB").

As background, CCP has long contemplated the abandonment of the subject rail line and removal of the Missouri River span. In fact, you may have been alerted to the proposed abandonment back in November of 2013 when CCP circulated its initial request for feedback on the abandonment and track/bridge salvage plans. (I see, for example, that you were copied on Mitch Paine's November 18, 2013 memo to a colleague of mine to whom this matter was originally assigned.)

In any event, at Mr. Paine's recent urging, I am contacting you directly, to determine whether Omaha would require a "floodplain development permit" in connection with the subject abandonment proposal. To assist you in this endeavor, I am supplying you with a link to the abandonment petition and the combined environmental and historic report, which have been posted as a single document to the STB's website as provided immediately below:

[http://www.stb.dot.gov/filings/all.nsf/ba7f93537688b8e5852573210004b318/92263b22358cb1d285257dd5006b917d/\\$FILE/237603.pdf](http://www.stb.dot.gov/filings/all.nsf/ba7f93537688b8e5852573210004b318/92263b22358cb1d285257dd5006b917d/$FILE/237603.pdf)

I am sending you the above link because our STB filing is quite sizeable, and we have encountered difficulty in emailing the document directly to most recipients due to the sheer file size.

I welcome your comments and feedback, and would be pleased to discuss the proposed abandonment and salvage plans with you at your convenience. Should you wish to call me to discuss, my contact information is provided immediately below.

- Rob

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