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By electronic mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
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Re: Docket No. AB-792X, *Railroad Switching Service of Missouri, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption -- Entire Rail Line in St. Louis, St. Louis County, MO*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Hereby transmitted for filing in the above proceeding is a letter dated April 20, 2005 from the Historic Preservation Officer of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to Mr. Barry S. McClure of Rail Switching Service of Missouri, Inc., stating that the proposed abandonment will have no adverse effect on the National Register of Historic Places eligible bridge.

That letter completes the review process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Accordingly, Railroad Switching Service of Missouri, Inc. respectfully requests that the Board decline to impose the condition to abandonment recommended by SEA regarding keeping the rail line assets in place pending completion of the Section 106 review process. The Board is scheduled to issue a decision in this matter on May 2.

Very truly yours,

/s/
Thomas F. McFarland
Attorney for Railroad Switching
Service of Missouri, Inc.

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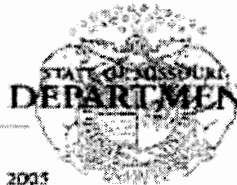
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Re: **SHPO Project Number: 022-SLC-05 - Proposed rail abandonment, St. Louis City, Missouri (STB)**

Dear Mr. McClure:

Thank you for submitting information about the above-referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

Staff of the State Historic Preservation Office have reviewed the additional information provided for the proposed sale of rail right of way in St. Louis City, Missouri, including the bridge which traverses Interstate 70, which is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Because the sale would be to the Trust for Public Land for the purposes of a pedestrian/bicycle trail, it is our opinion that the proposed project will have **no adverse effect** on the National Register of Historic Places eligible bridge.

Please be advised that, if the project area is increased, cultural materials are encountered during construction or adjacent areas that may contain significant cultural resources may be adversely impacted; appropriate information must be provided to this office for further review and comment.

If you have any questions please write Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, Attn: Review and Compliance, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or call Allison Dubbert at (573) 751-7958. Please be sure to include the **SHPO Project Number (022-SLC-05)** on all future correspondence relating to this project. If the information is provided via telephone call, please follow up in writing for our files.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Mark A. Miles
Director and Deputy State
Historic Preservation Officer

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