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Via Priority Mail

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Re: Missouri Central Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties, Missouri, STB Docket No. AB-1068 (Sub-No. 3X)

Dear Dr. Chovanec:

We understand that you have been in contact with Diana Wood of the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) Office of Environmental Analysis (“OEA”) regarding the above-captioned proceeding. We also understand that OEA has committed to ensuring that the Osage Nation receives a copy of formal documents being prepared in connection with the consulting process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As required under the governing Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) in this proceeding, the Missouri Central Railroad Company (“MCR”) has developed a Draft Report entitled *Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately 144.30 Miles of the Missouri Central Railroad Company Right-of-Way in Benton, Cole, Cass, Franklin, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Morgan, Osage, and Pettis Counties, Missouri*. We are enclosing a copy of the Draft Report with this letter in both hard copy paper format and electronic PDF format. You are receiving the 3-volume hard copy (narrative, Appendices A-F, and Appendices G-L), and also a compact disk with all three volumes in PDF format.

Under the MOA, distribution of the Draft Report commences a 30-day comment period for the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”), the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Division of State Parks) (“MDNR”), and the City of Stover, Missouri. SHPO and DNR are signatories to the MOA, while Stover is a concurring party. Distribution of a Final Report will occur at some point after the end of the comment period.

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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,



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