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March 9, 2020

Kent Evetts
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Re: **STB Docket No. FD 36328, Ken Tenn Regional Rail Partners, Inc. – Construction and Operation Exemption – In Obion County, Tenn. and Fulton County, Ky; Request for information and comments on proposed rail line construction and operation project**

Dear Kent Evetts:

My office received a letter on March 3, 2020, from Victoria Rutson, Director of the Surface Transportation Board Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA). The purpose of this letter is to advise of a proposed rail line project, which includes the construction of approximately 11.4 miles of common carrier rail line in Obion County, TN, and Fulton County, KY. OEA request information concerning historic properties that may be affected by the proposed project as well as permits and approvals required of the Applicant by the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC).

KHC serves as the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and is responsible for reviewing impacts of federal projects as mandated through Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). As you begin to compile information about affected historic properties, you can contact the KHC Heritage Database Coordinator, Karen Stevens, for above-ground resources and the Office of State Archaeology for below-ground resources (<https://heritage.ky.gov/compliance/Pages/general-application.aspx>).

A cursory review of the project area depicted on the map included with the letter indicates the project has the potential to affect historic resources. There has been little archaeological or cultural historic survey within the project area. My office anticipates the need for both archaeological and cultural historic survey.

We look forward to continuing consultation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Yvonne Sherrick of my staff at Yvonne.Sherrick@ky.gov.

Sincerely,



Craig A. Potts,
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: Diana Wood (OEA Project Manager)