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Kenneth Blodgett
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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Information and Surface Transportation Board's finding of "no historic properties affected" regarding a notice of exemption to abandon 0.2 miles from milepost RK 138.6 to milepost RK 138.8 by Norfolk Southern Railway Company & the Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis [AB 290 (Sub-No. 392X) & AB511 (Sub-no. 7X); DHPA #21530]

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated August 25, 2017 and received on August 28, 2017; with subsequent notice dated September 19, 2017 and received on September 22, 2017; for the above indicated project in Hartford City, Blackford County, Indiana.

We concur with the Surface Transportation Board's August 25, 2017 finding that there are no historic buildings, structures, districts, objects, or archaeological resources within the area of potential effects that will be affected by the above indicated project, with the understanding that the project activities (including the possible future removal of the rail infrastructure) remain within areas disturbed by previous construction.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. 800.

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Amy Johnson at (317) 232-6982 or ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Chad Slider at (317) 234-5366 or cslider@dnr.IN.gov.

Very truly yours,

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