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Date: January 13, 2009

Ms. Catherine Glidden
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, DM&E Consultant Eligibility letter of December 17, 2008

Dear Ms. Glidden:

We have reviewed the appropriate portions of "A LEVEL III CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY OF THE DAKOTA, MINNESOTA & EASTERN RAILROAD CORPORATION'S POWDER RIVER BASIN EXPANSION PROJECT CORRIDOR, CUSTER, FALL RIVER, AND PENNINGTON COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA, Addendum 4" for the South Dakota Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Those portions included, but were not limited to, Bureau of Land Management Public Lands in South Dakota which hold site 39PN1783.

We agree with the recommendation that site 39PN1783 remains Unevaluated and is considered "Potentially Eligible;" Please include us in all future consultation actions with interested Tribal Members at site 39PN1783 including site visits.

If you have any questions please contact our Zone Archeologist, Brenda A. Shierts at (605) 892-7028 or Brenda_Shierts@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Marian M. Atkins
Field Office Manager

cc: Gary Smith, BLM MSO
Paige Hoskinson Olson, SHPO, (SHPO Project No. 99223006F)