



March 23, 2009

Ms. Catherine L. Glidden
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington DC 20423-0001

SECTION 106 PROJECT CONSULTATION – IDENTIFICATION/EVALUATION

Project: 080515042F – Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad Corporation Powder River Basin Expansion Project Corridor - Huron Yard Locale (Project No. SD3D)
Location: Beadle County
(STB)

Dear Ms. Glidden:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced undertaking pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended). The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurs with your determination regarding the effect of the proposed undertaking on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

We have made this consensus determination based on the information provided in your letter and the report entitled "A Level III Cultural Resources Evaluation of the Proposed Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Power River Basin Expansion Project Corridor, Huron Yard Locale, Beadle County, South Dakota," prepared by Archeology Laboratory, Augustana College, received on May 12, 2008, and the additional information received on July 15, 2008 and March 20, 2009. In concurrence with the recommendations, newly recorded sites 39BE0156, 39BE0158, and 39BE0159 should be considered not eligible; and site 39BE2003 (Chicago Northwestern Railroad) should be considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Therefore, given the above, we concur with the determination of Adverse Effect for this undertaking. We look forward to working with your agency to develop a treatment plan to mitigate the adverse effect to site 39BE2003.

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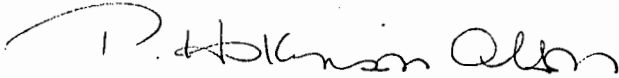
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Should you require additional information, please contact Paige Hoskinson Olson at (605) 773-6004. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paige Hoskinson Olson".

Paige Hoskinson Olson
Review and Compliance Coordinator

Cc: Mr. Randy Withrow, Louis Berger Group Inc.
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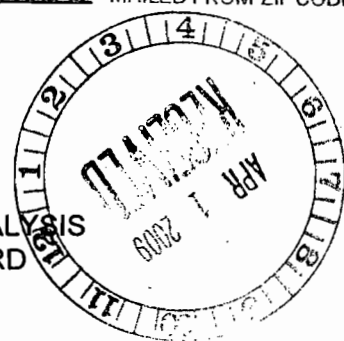
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Expansion Project Corridor - Huron and Eastern Railroad Corporation Powder River
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eligible and site 39BE2003 (Chicago Northwestern Railroad) should be considered eligible
on the National Register of Historic Places.

Therefore, given the above, we concur with the determination of Adverse Effect for this
project. We look forward to working with your agency to develop a treatment plan to
mitigate the adverse effect to site 39BE2003.

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