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August 20, 2008

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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - in
Osborne and Rooks Counties, KS (Osborne to Stockton);
Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 269X) 223322

Kyle Railroad Company - Discontinuance Exemption - in Osborne and
Rooks Counties, KS (Osborne to Stockton);
Docket No. AB-486 (Sub-No. 4X) 223323

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

In accordance with the attached letter from the Kansas
State Historical Society (KSHS), the Section 106 process for the
abandonment is now satisfied.

The August 8, 2008 letter from the KSHS is attached hereto
as Exhibit 1, and is hereby made a part hereof.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Kansas State Historical Society
Jennie Chinn, Executive Director

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

August 8, 2008

Mr. Ray Allamong
Union Pacific
1400 Douglas Street
Mail Stop 1350
Omaha, NE 68179

Re: Union Pacific Railroad – Abandonment Exemption of Lenora Branch Line between Downs and Portis in Osborne and Smith Counties

Dear Mr. Allamong:

We have reassessed the materials received August 5, 2008 regarding the above-referenced projects in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800. The role of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in reviews of this nature is to comment on whether or not an undertaking involving the use of federal funds will have an adverse effect on a historic property or a property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO has determined that the rail line and associated track, trestles, and culverts are not eligible for listing in the National Register, and as far as this office is concerned, the project may proceed.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Please refer to the Kansas State Review & Compliance number (KSR&C#) listed above on any future correspondence. Please submit any comments or questions regarding this review to Kim Norton at 785-272-8681, ext. 225

Sincerely,
Jennie Chinn
State Historic Preservation Officer


Patrick Zollner
Director, Cultural Resources Division
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer