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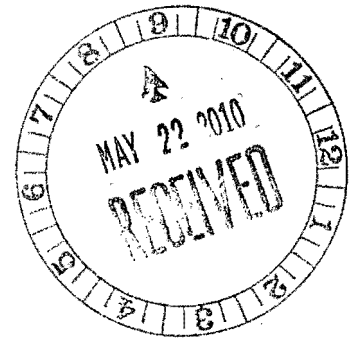
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Re: Notice of Exemption regarding the abandonment of 2.18 miles of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E) rail line between Milepost 48.28 and Milepost 46.10 (Docket #AB-117 [Sub-no. 6x]; DHPA #8111)

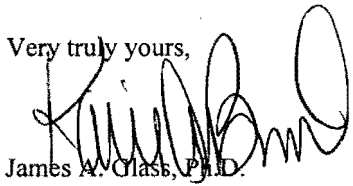
To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) 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 April 19, 2010 and received on April 20, 2010, for the above indicated project in Hammond, Lake County, Indiana.

Thank you for providing us with a copy of the Notice of Exemption for Abandonment. Please refer to our letter dated December 15, 2009. We have no additional comments at this time.

A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on August 5, 2004, may be found on the Internet at www.achp.gov for your reference. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Chad Slider at (317) 234-5366 or cslider@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #8111.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Thomas Healey, Counsel for Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company