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Re: Early coordination concerning the acquisition of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E) by the Canadian National Railway Corporation and Grand Trunk Corporation resulting in increases in rail traffic and the necessity for future rail construction (DHPA #3488)

Dear Mr. Navecky:

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 December 21, 2007 and received on January 7, 2008 for the above indicated project in Lake County, Indiana.

A complete analysis of the submitted project is not possible, as the information provided is incomplete. Please provide the indicated information to facilitate the identification and analysis of historic properties in the project area:

- 1) Detail any construction, demolition and earthmoving activities.
- 2) Define the area of potential effects¹ and provide a map or a good quality photocopy of a map containing the following:
 - The boundaries of the area of potential effects and the precise location of the project area within those boundaries clearly outlined in dark ink on a copy of the relevant portion of a town, city, county, or U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle map.
 - The names of nearby landmarks clearly labeled (e.g., major streets, roads, highways, railroads, rivers, lakes).
- 3) Give the precise location of any buildings, structures, and objects *within the area of potential effects* (e.g., addresses and a site map with properties keyed to it).
- 4) Give the known or approximate date of construction for buildings, structures, objects, and districts *within the area of potential effects*.
- 5) Submit historical documentation for buildings, structures, objects, and districts *within the area of potential effects*.

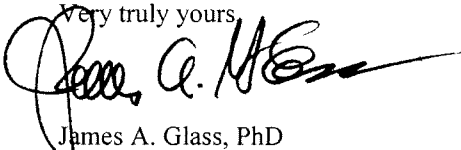
¹ Area of potential effects means the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. The area of potential effects is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking and may be different for different kinds of effects caused by the undertaking (see 36 C.F.R. § 800.16[d]).

- 6) List all sources checked for your historical research of the *area of potential effects*.
- 7) Provide clear, recent photographs or good quality computer-generated images (not photocopies or aerial photographs), keyed to a site plan, showing any buildings, structures, objects, or land *that could be affected in any way by the project*. These photographs should be of the project area and the defined area of potential effect.
- 8) Describe the current and past land uses within the project area; in particular, state whether or not the ground is known to have been disturbed by construction, excavation, grading, or filling, and, if so, indicate the part or parts of the project area that have been disturbed and the nature of the disturbance; agricultural tilling generally does not have a serious enough impact on archaeological sites to constitute a disturbance of the ground for this purpose.

Once the indicated information is received, the Indiana SHPO will resume identification and evaluation procedures for this project. Please keep in mind that additional information may be requested in the future.

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 buildings or structures please contact Miriam Widenhofer at (317) 233-3883 or mwidenhofer@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #3488.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Glass", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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