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Re: STB Docket AB-1068 (Sub-No. 3X) & STB Docket AB-1070 (Sub-No. 3X), 144.3 miles of Missouri Central Railroad Company (STB) Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade & Franklin Counties, Missouri

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for submitting information on the above referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which requires identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service of 144.3 miles of the Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR) in Missouri. Based on this review, and on the previous review and comment on MCRR from approximately Pleasant Hill to Windsor, it is likely that this additional section of the railroad will also be determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, pending submission of more detailed documentation that would allow us to assess integrity. Additional railroad related historic properties are probable along the route, and in the many small towns along the corridor. Finally, there is a moderate to high potential for archaeological resources within or adjacent to many sections of the corridor.

We look forward to continuing to consult with you on this project. If you have any questions, please write Judith Deel at State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or call 573/751-7862. Please be sure to include the SHPO Log Number (003-MLT-15) on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

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