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RE: 140300044 Iowa Interstate Railroad, LTD. STB Docket NO. AB-414 (SUB 8X)
Abandonment of line between MP 145.75 to 135

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Mr. Litwiler,

We have received and reviewed the additional information that you provided to our office recently regarding the above referenced undertaking. We understand that this project will be a federal undertaking for the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and will need to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. We make the following comments and recommendations based on our examination of this material and in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800 (revised, effective August 5, 2004); the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Policy Statement on Affordable Housing and Historic Preservation (adopted November 9, 2006); and on The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation recently issued guidance in November 2011 on *Meeting the "Reasonable and Good Faith" Identification Standard in Section 106 Review*.

Based on your information, it is our opinion that this section of track and the bridge do not meet any of the eligibility criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. We note that an archaeological site background check was not included with your documentation. We have no comments at this time whether there appears to be any potential that the undertaking will encounter or adversely impact archaeological properties that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as no information was provided in your documentation. We would like to refer you and

the STB to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's recently issued guidance in November 2011 on *Meeting the "Reasonable and Good Faith" Identification Standard in Section 106 Review* for guidance on what types of information should be included in the documentation provided for consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We would encourage you to contact the Office of the State Archaeologist at the University of Iowa to get an archaeological site background check conducted for your undertaking. We look forward to consulting with the federal agency when they provide us with a determination of effect to our office and all other potential consulting parties for consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Please reference the Review and Compliance Number provided above in all future submitted correspondence to our office for this project. We look forward to further consulting with you and the Surface Transportation Board on this project.

We have provided this **technical assistance** according to our responsibility defined by Federal law. It remains the **Federal agency's decision** on how you will proceed from this point for this project.

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