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Victoria Rutson
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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Request for comments on supplemental environmental assessment regarding CSX Transportation, Inc.'s acquisition of an operating easement to allow joint use for CSXT trains to operate over 106.5 miles of the Louisville and Indiana Railroad Company (L&I) rail lines and proposed improvements to the rail lines between Indianapolis, IN, MP 4.0, and Louisville, KY, MP 110.5 (STB Docket No. FD 35523; DHPA #11979)

Dear Ms. Rutson:

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 March 21, 2014 and received by our office on March 24, 2014 for the above indicated project from Indianapolis to the state line in multiple counties of Indiana.

Thank you for providing the Indiana SHPO with copies of the draft environmental assessment. We have noted that on pages 39-41 and 50-52 of Appendix C, the siding areas appear outside of the disturbed ROW. It is our understanding that all project activities will remain with the non-historically disturbed ROW of the existing line, otherwise, archaeological investigations maybe necessary. Please refer to our previous comments in the letter dated November 19, 2013.

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 #11979.

Very truly yours,

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