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STATE OF MISSOURI
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Re: Proposed Abandonment and Discontinuance, 42 miles of Missouri Central Railroad Company
Track (STB) Cass, Henry, Johnson & Pettis 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.

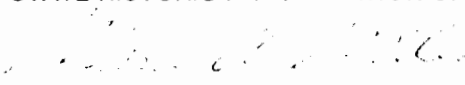
We have had the opportunity to review a draft report entitled *Phase One Archaeological Survey Report, Rock Island Trail (Phase 2 through Phase 0) Highway P to Windsor, Cass, Johnson, Henry and Pettis Counties, Missouri* by SCI Engineering, Inc. Based on this, it is our opinion that the Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR) rail, also known as the Rock Island Corridor, from east of Pleasant Hill to Windsor, is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. This determination of eligibility is inclusive of the rail bed, bridges, culverts, and possible other rail related properties, such as the three Rock Island Lakes identified in and near the project area.

We look forward to continuing to consult with you and with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in defining the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and in determining the effect of the proposed project on the Rock Island Corridor.

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 (021-MLT-13) on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE


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