



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

March 27, 2015

The Honorable Ronald Schafferkoetter
Mayor
City of Bland
PO Box 40
109 E. Colorado Avenue
Bland, MO 65014

Re: Invitation to Be a Consulting Party in the Section 106 Process
STB Docket No. AB 1068 (Sub-No. 3X) – Missouri Central Railroad
Company – Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In
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The Honorable Stewart Darrah
Mayor
City of Belle
200 E. 3rd Street
PO Drawer 813
Belle, MO 65013

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City of Barnett
214 Locust Street
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Mayor
City of Cole Camp
PO Box 36
Cole Camp, MO 65325

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Mayor
City of Eldon
City Hall
101 S. Oak
Eldon, MO 65026

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Chairperson
City of Freeburg
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Office of Environmental Analysis

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Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

March 27, 2015

Diane Wildhaber
Trustee
City of Leslie
PO Box 2952
Leslie, MO 63056

Re: Invitation to Be a Consulting Party in the Section 106 Process
STB Docket No. AB 1068 (Sub-No. 3X) – Missouri Central Railroad
Company – Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In
Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and
Franklin Counties, Mo.

Dear Trustee Wildhaber:

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We have identified the City of Leslie as a potential consulting party, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.3, and are writing to invite you to participate in the Section 106 process, including the possible development of a Memorandum of Agreement, to help resolve the adverse effect. **Please respond before April 27, 2105 if you would like to participate in the Section 106 process of this proceeding.**

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March 27, 2015

The Honorable Mike Distler
Mayor
City of Meta
City Hall
PO Box 65
102 Third Street
Meta, MO 63058

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Dear Mayor Distler:

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March 27, 2015

Mayor
City of Owensville
City Hall
107 W. Sears
Owensville, MO 65066

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Office of Environmental Analysis

March 27, 2015

The Honorable Shannon Grus
Mayor
City of Rosebud
City Hall
307 N. Cedar
PO Box 197
Rosebud, MO 63091

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March 27, 2015

Sharon Fry
City Clerk
City of Stover
503 W. 2nd Street
PO Box 370
Stover, MO 65078

Re: Invitation to Be a Consulting Party in the Section 106 Process
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Dear Ms. Fry:

I am writing to invite you, as a representative of the City of Stover, to participate as a consulting party in a process required of federal agencies under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In this letter, I will summarize the rail line abandonment license request that is currently pending before the Surface Transportation Board (Board), the federal agency that regulates entry and exit licenses for common carrier freight railroads. I then explain what is involved in being a consulting party, the steps in the consultation process, and why I am asking you to become a consulting party in this proceeding.

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March 27, 2015

The Honorable Terry Silvey
Mayor
City of Versailles
City Hall
104 N. Fisher
Versailles, MO 65084

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