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Re: FINAL REPORT: Missouri Central Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Cass, Pettis, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties, Missouri, STB Docket No. AB-1068 (Sub-No. 3X)

To Signatory and Concurring Parties:

As you know, the Missouri Central Railroad Company (“MCRR”) received authorization from the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) to abandon approximately 144.3 miles of its rail line through central Missouri in the above-captioned case. The abandonment is in two segments: from milepost 71.6 to milepost 215.325, and from milepost 262.906 to milepost 263.5.

As part of the abandonment process, a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) was signed that contained certain reporting requirements in Section V(A)(1) of the MOA. MCRR served the Draft Report on August 25, 2015, which was entitled *Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately 144.30 Miles of the Missouri Central Railroad Company Right-of-Way in Benton, Cole, Cass, Franklin, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Morgan, Osage, and Pettis Counties, Missouri*. The Draft Report was provided in a three volume hard copy and electronic format.

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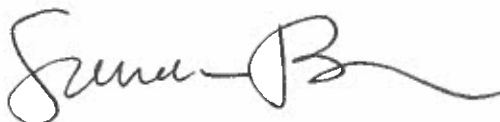
The comment period closed on September 30, 2015. The STB's Office of Environmental Analysis ("OEA") granted an extension of time to the Osage Nation and that time has also closed. No changes were suggested for the text of the report. In concurrence with OEA, MCRR is distributing Final Report cover sheets for the prior three volumes. These cover sheets can be inserted into the front of the appropriate volume which will then serve as the Final Report fulfilling Section V of the MOA.

The MOA will remain in place during the limited salvage activities and will govern procedures in the unlikely event of Unanticipated Discoveries of Cultural Resources and Historic Properties pursuant to Section VI of the MOA.

The material provided to the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office contains the photos on archival paper as were shown in Appendix L of the Draft Report.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,



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I hereby certify that on this 9th day of November 2015, I served a copy of the Final Report cover sheets for the *Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately 144.30 Miles of the Missouri Central Railroad Company Right-of-Way in Benton, Cole, Cass, Franklin, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Morgan, Osage, and Pettis Counties, Missouri* ("Report") upon the parties listed below by Federal Express 2nd-Day (postage prepaid), except that Diana Wood of the Surface Transportation Board was served via hand delivery.

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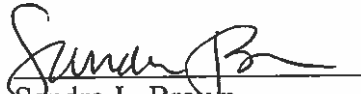
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