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Reply To: STB090217A

Victoria Ruston
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Re: Proposed Abandonment of the McHenry Industrial Lead from Milepost 21.25 to Milepost 26.43 in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, California; Docket No. AB-33 (sub-No. 278X)

Dear Ms. Ruston:

Thank you for your letter of 15 May 2009 on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) initiating consultation for the above referenced undertaking in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its implementing regulation at 36 CFR Part 800. With this submittal you have requested I review the information for compliance with Section 106.

As I presently understand it, the undertaking consists of abandonment of a portion of rail line between Milepost 21.25 to Milepost 26.43 in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. The Tidewater Southern Railway constructed the line in 1912, although the rails have been continually replaced and date between 1971 and 1992.

After reviewing the Historic Report included in the consultation package, I am able to concur with the STB overall effort to determine and document that the APE is satisfactory pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(a)(1). Likewise, STB's effort to document historic properties in the APE is satisfactory pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(b). I presently understand there are four (4) bridges within the APE and none appear to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Because there are no historic properties present in the APE, I am able to concur with the "No Historic Properties Affected" for the undertaking.

Thank your for considering historic properties in your planning process. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Blosser of my staff at (916) 654-7372 or e-mail at ablosser@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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