

March 22, 2018

Ms. Peggy Munroe
BNSF Railway Company
2500 Lou Menk Drive, AOB-3
Fort Worth, TX 76131

RE: STB Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 497X)
BNSF Railway Company to abandon 1.75 miles of Line Segment 219 between Milepost 0.0 and
Milepost 1.75
St. Cloud, Benton County
SHPO Number: 2017-2586

Dear Ms. Munroe:

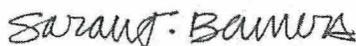
Thank you for continuing consultation on the above-referenced project. Information received in our office on 20 February 2018 has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Officer by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and implementing federal regulations at 36 CFR 800.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4-5 it is the Federal agency's responsibility to determine the area of potential effect (APE) for the federal undertaking, to identify and evaluate historic properties that may be affected by the proposed federal undertaking, and to assess adverse effects to historic properties, if any.

We have completed a review of the additional information you sent to our office on February 15th as it pertains to the proposed abandonment of this 1.75 mile railroad segment. Based upon historical information provided by your agency as well as our own historic evaluation of this line, we have determined that, while the Great Northern Railway: East St. Cloud to Hinckley Branch rail line may be considered to have significance meeting the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), this particular segment does not retain sufficient integrity to be eligible for listing in the NRHP. Therefore, it is our opinion that **no historic properties will be affected** by the undertaking, as currently proposed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our review. I can be reached at (651) 201-3290 or by e-mail at sarah.beimers@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



Sarah J. Beimers
Environmental Review Program Manager