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Via Overnight Mail

Ms. Anne Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20424

Re: Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 181X), Illinois Central Railroad Company
— Abandonment Exemption — in Wickliffe, Ballard County, Kentucky

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Enclosed please find correspondence from the Kentucky Heritage Council regarding this matter. This correspondence was sent to your office on December 1, 2008, but I am unable to locate it on your website.

Please review this correspondence with respect to the 106 condition that the SEA has placed on this matter. I look forward to receiving notification that this condition has been satisfied and removed from this abandonment process.

One extra copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed as well. Please date stamp this copy to show receipt and return it to me in the enclosed envelope. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Section 106 Review of Three Railroad Bridges, Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment, AB-43 (Sub-No. 181X) in Wickliffe, Ballard County, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Healey:

The State Historic Preservation Office has received the Kentucky Historic Resource Inventory Forms (BA-166, BA-167 and BA-168) for the above-referenced project. In a letter from this office dated November 21, 2007, we determined that the three timber railroad bridges along this segment of line are potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, for association with the development of the railroad in Kentucky. We requested the inventory forms in a letter from this office dated May 12, 2008.

It is our determination that in accordance with 36CFR Part 800.5(b) of the Advisory Council's revised regulations, a **Finding of No Adverse Effect** is provided for this undertaking. Therefore, we have no further comments and responsibility to consult with the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer under the Section 106 review process is fulfilled.

Should you have any questions about these comments, feel free to contact Janie-Rice Brother of my staff at (502) 564-7005, extension 121.

Sincerely,

Mark Dennen, Acting Executive Director
and State Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: Anna Quinlan, Surface Transportation Board
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