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Mr. Navecky,

I'm submitting the email pursuant to the Board's decision in AB 33 (Sub-No. 327X) on November 29, 2017. Per the email, the State Historical Society of Iowa has determined the proposed abandonment will have no adverse effect, provided UP minimizes damage to two bridge during track removal.

Please let me know if this is sufficient to satisfy the Board's Section 106 condition or if you need anything else.

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Jeremy,

Below are comments provided from the SHPO on the Mason City trail deal.

Thank you,

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Project: Proposed Abandonment and Discontinuance of Rockwell Industrial Lead - STB  
Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No-327X)  
R&C#: 170817079  
Location: Cerro Gordo County, Mason City  
SHPO Finding: No Adverse Effect with Conditions

Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your submission for a Request for Comment on the above named project. We are providing consultation comments under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The proposed project, as submitted, involves the discontinuance and abandonment of approximately 2.5 miles of rail between MP 155.5 in Mason City and service discontinuance from MP 157.5 to 158.

The section of track in this project includes three rail bridges: 5th Street, State Street, and Willow Creek railroad bridges. Based on submitted information it appears that both the Willow Creek and State Street RR bridges appear to meet National Register of Historic Places (NR) criteria and would be eligible for listing in the NR under Criteria C, for engineering. The discontinuance and abandonment includes removal of track and ties, and sale to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. As such, based on this information, submitted project specifics, and conversations with UP staff, we find that this project will have a No Adverse Effect with the following conditions:

- Track and tie removal should be done in a manner that will ensure no, to minimal, damage to the two eligible bridges (Willow Creek and State Street bridges)

As these are eligible for listing in the NR, we encourage Union Pacific and the future owners to apply the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation when contemplating work that may impact the bridges. Additionally, we recommend repair rather than replacement, and if replacement is required, that it be an in-kind replacement.

Please consider this correspondence to be a **No Adverse Effect with Conditions**. If the project specifications should change or if this is not acceptable, consultation will need to continue.

Please retain a copy of this for your files as a hard copy will not be sent out unless specifically requested. Please feel free to contact me with comments or questions. Be sure to include the above R&C number in any subsequent correspondence.

Kind regards,

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