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Re: Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company

Dear Mr. Grennell:

This letter confirms the phone conversation we had on March 29, 2004. During that conversation, you acknowledged receipt of the environmental report regarding Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company's (LS&I) petition to the Surface Transportation Board for exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903. Specifically, the environmental report relates to the abandonment of LS&I's line of railroad known as the Republic Subdivision. Additionally, we discussed the State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) request in a letter dated February 23, 2004, for more information on the proposed action in order to complete a Section 106 review. I asked whether the environmental report fulfilled the request for additional information. In response, you stated that the SHPO will make a formal request for any additional information it needs beyond the environmental report. If and when such requests are made, I look forward to assisting your office with the Section 106 review. At this time, however, I am of the understanding that no further information is needed from LS&I for the SHPO's Section 106 review. If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 303.573.1600.

Very Truly Yours,

Isaac Warren

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