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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB-1032X, Nebraska, Kansas & Colorado Railway,
L.L.C. -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Decatur, Norton, and
Phillips Counties, Kansas and Harlan County, Nebraska

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On May 14, 2015, Nebraska, Kansas & Colorado Railway, L.L.C.
("NKCR") filed, with the Surface Transportation Board, the
Environmental and Historic Reports in the above-referenced
proceeding.

Attached please find the additional responses NKCR received from
the Nebraska State Historical Society and the Kansas Historical
Society.

Sincerely,



Karl Morell

Enclosure



19 May 2015

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RE: HP# 1409-119-01; NKCR Railway Abandonment Exemption (AB-1032X), Harlan County

Dear Mr. Morell:

Thank you for submitting the information regarding the above referenced project for SHPO review and comment according to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, and implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.

The NESHPO previously reviewed this project and mailed a letter to you dated 20 October 2014 (Exhibit 3 in your recent letter). That letter states that we determined that the proposed project rail line abandonment would not affect any historic properties. We stand by this previous assessment.

Please be advised that this opinion does not necessarily reflect that of any Native American Tribes that might have an interest in the area, nor does it pertain to Traditional Cultural Properties, if they exist in the area. Also, there is always the possibility that buried or otherwise obscured cultural or human remains might be discovered during construction. If such a discovery occurs, please contact this office immediately.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call this office at 402-471-2609 or by email at phil.geib@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil R. Geib", is written over a faint circular stamp.

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KSR&C No. 15-05-161

May 26, 2015

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Via E-mail

RE: Nebraska, Kansas & Colorado Railway Abandonment
Docket No. AB-1032X
Decatur, Norton and Phillips Counties

Dear Mr. Morell:

In accordance with 36 CFR 800, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed its cultural resources files for the area of the proposed project. The project, as proposed, should have no effect on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places or otherwise identified in our files. This office has no objection to implementation of the project.

Any changes to the project area that include additional ground disturbing activities will need to be reviewed by this office prior to beginning construction. If construction work uncovers buried archaeological materials, work should cease in the area of the discovery and this office should be notified immediately.

This information is provided at your request to assist you in identifying historic properties, as specified in 36 CFR 800 for Section 106 consultation procedures. If you have questions or need additional information regarding these comments, please contact Tim Weston 785-272-8681 (ex. 214). Please refer to the Kansas Review & Compliance number (KSR&C#) above on all future correspondence relating to this project.

Sincerely,
Jennie Chinn
State Historic Preservation Officer

Patrick Zollner
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer