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Via Electronic Filing

The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Docket No. AB 33 (Sub. No. 249-X)—Discontinuance of service on the Loyalton Industrial Lead from Milepost 0.55 near Hawley to Milepost 11.62 near Loyalton and an exempt abandonment from Milepost 11.62 to Milepost 12.34 near Loyalton, a total distance of 11.79 miles in Plumas and Sierra Counties, California.

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the above-referenced matter, attached is a copy of a letter from the California Office of Historic Preservation ("OHP") for entry into the record. The OHP finds that the discontinuance and abandonment Union Pacific Railroad Company's Loyalton Industrial Lead will have no effect on historic properties.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabriel S. Meyer".

Attachment

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September 24, 2007

Reply To: STB070510A

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Re: Proposed Discontinuance of the Loyalton Industrial Lead from MP 0.55 near East Portola to MP 11.62 near Loyalton and Abandonment from MP 11.62 to MP 12.34 near Loyalton, in Plumas and Sierra Counties, CA

Dear Mr. Meyers:

You have provided me with information regarding how the above project may affect historic properties. You have done this, and are consulting with me, in order to enable the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

I have reviewed the documentation furnished and considered your recommendation to the STB that there are no historic properties that may be affected by these undertakings. Based on that review, I have the following comments:

- 1) The project, as described, will have no effect on historic properties.
- 2) I would not object to an official finding by the STB that there are no historic properties that may be affected by these undertakings.
- 3) I will assume that the STB has made this finding unless I hear to the contrary from them within 15 calendar days of their receiving a copy of this letter.

Thank you for considering historic properties during project planning. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Lindquist of my staff at (916) 654-0631 or e-mail at nlindquist@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan K Stratton for

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer