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Office of Cultural Development (SHPO)
Louisiana Division of Archaeology
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Date: 5-17-06

No known archaeological sites or historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breaux:

Pam Breaux
State Historic Preservation Officer

RE: *The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption --
Line In Jefferson Parish, LA*
STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 20X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On or about May 16, 2006, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50, Subpart F, seeking to abandon 0.71 miles of railroad track located in Metairie (Jefferson Parish), Louisiana, running from milepost 862.14 (near Turnbull Drive) to milepost 862.85 (near Causeway Boulevard) (the "Line"). The Line traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 70001. Enclosed is an Environmental and Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as maps of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA"), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001; TEL: (202) 565-1545 and refer to STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 20X).

Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the SEA (at the address provided in the above paragraph) along with a copy to KCSR's representative (at the address provided in the paragraph below)

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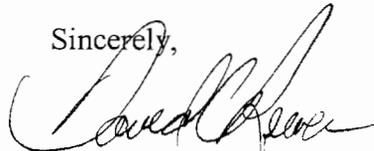
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would be appreciated within 3 weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact KCSR's representative by mail at: David C. Reeves, Esq., Baker & Miller, PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037; by FAX: (202) 663-7849; by e-mail: dreeves@bakerandmiller.com or by TEL: (202) 663-7824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Reeves", written in a cursive style.

David C. Reeves

Enclosure

cc: Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
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