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Rick Black
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Attention: Finance Docket No. 34075 - Environmental Comments

Re: Finance Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments
Construction and Operation - Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah

Dear Mr. Black,

This letter is in response to an April 1, 2003, correspondence to the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office from the Surface Transportation Board regarding their initiating an environmental review of the project described above.

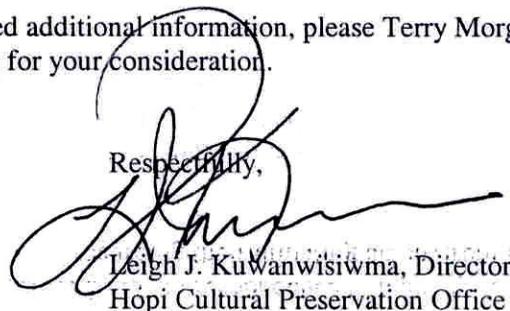
In the enclosed letter dated July 2, 2001, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office responded to a correspondence from Sagebrush Consultants on this proposal, and on July 16, 2001, we met with representatives of the Six County Association of Governments and Sevier.

Because of the of the reasons cited in our July 2, 2001, letter, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites, and requests consultation on proposed impacts to archeological sites and cultural resources that are our ancestral sites and traditional cultural properties. Therefore, we appreciate Surface Transportation Board and HDR's solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

And therefore, to assist us in determining if there are prehistoric properties in the proposed project area that are significant to the Hopi Tribe, we continue to look forward to receiving a copy of the archaeological survey and any information regarding project impacts on identified resources for review and comment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Enclosure: July 2, 2001, letter to Sagebrush Consultants
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