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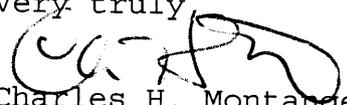
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

AB-863X

Re: City of Venice -- Abandonment Exemption,
AB 863

Sirs:

Enclosed please find a determination of "no adverse effect"
(dated December 10, 2003) from the Illinois State Historic
Preservation Office in connection with AB 863.

Very truly

Charles H. Montange
for City of Venice

Encl. (letter dated Dec. 10, 2003)

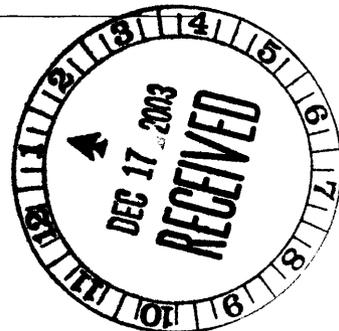
STATE OF MISSOURI
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Re: Proposed Abandonment Docket No. AB 863, City of Venice (STB) City of St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Montange:

Thank you for submitting information on the above referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.O. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed the additional information provided concerning the above referenced project. We had not been informed that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency had assumed the role of lead agency for this undertaking. Based on this, and on the additional documentation that the proposed McKinley Bridge project is to repair and place back into service as a highway bridge, we concur that the proposed abandonment and subsequent renovation to highway use will have **no adverse effect** on the historic fabric of the McKinley Bridge, a property determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please be advised that, should project plans change, information documenting the revisions should be submitted to this office for further review and comment on possible effects to historic properties.

If you have any questions, please write Judith Deel at State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or call 573/751-7862. Please be sure to include the **SHPO Log Number (012-SLC-04)** on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,

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