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Ms. Catherine Glidden
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20043-0001

RE: *Historic District Treatment Plan for the Dakota Minnesota and Eastern Railroad Corporation's
Powder River Basin Expansion Project*

Dear Ms. Glidden:

A final draft of the Historic District Treatment Plan for the Powder River Basin Project (PRB Project) in Minnesota and South Dakota is ready for distribution by your office to the South Dakota and Minnesota State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs). This plan was prepared by HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) and subjected to a thorough review with the Surface Transportation Board's third-party contractor, the Louis Berger Group (LBG).

The plan has been converted into a PDF file and uploaded to HDR's FTP Public Site (<ftp://ftp.hdrinc.com>). Users will be prompted to enter a username (UAD\MMADSONHDR) and password (sunshine) before downloading the file. As discussed with LBG staff last week, LBG will be responsible for finding the plan on the FTP site, printing all necessary copies, and distributing the printed plan.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist in your distribution of the plan. Please advise Michael Madson (mmadson@hdrinc.com) of SHPOs' comments as they become available. We recognize that the Programmatic Agreement stipulations provide the SHPOs with 30 days for review. We appreciate any effort your office can make to expedite that process and look forward to the SHPOs' comments and finalizing the plan.

Sincerely,

Michael Madson
For

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