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Here is the message that I sent to Ray Allamong with UP along with the attached letter. Let me know if you can't open the attachment.

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----- Message from Kimberly Norton <knorton@kshs.org> on Fri, 18 Jul 2008 13:53:58 -0500 -----

To: reallamo@up.com

Subject: Rail Abandonment in Kansas

Dear Mr. Allamong,

I have looked over the trestle photos again and attached a letter with my findings. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,
Kim

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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

July 18, 2008

Mr. Ray Allamong
Union Pacific
1400 Douglas Street
Mail Stop 1350
Omaha, NE 68179

Re: Union Pacific Railroad – Abandonment Exemption of Lenora Branch Line between Downs and Portis in Osborne and Smith Counties and Abandonment Exemption of Osborne to Stockton Line in Osborne and Rooks Counties

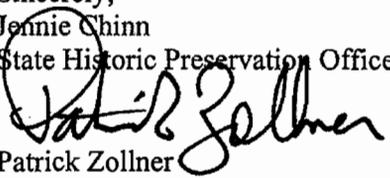
Dear Mr. Allamong:

We have reassessed the materials received June 9 and June 11, 2008 regarding the above-referenced projects in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800. The role of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in reviews of this nature is to comment on whether or not an undertaking involving the use of federal funds will have an adverse effect on a historic property or a property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO has determined that the rail line and associated track, trestles, and culverts **with the exception of the stone trestle located at Mile 542.2 on the Lenora Branch Line**, are not eligible for listing in the National Register, and as far as this office is concerned, the project may proceed.

Our office has determined that the trestle at Mile 542.2 may be potentially eligible for listing on the National Register and we are requesting more information at this time. Please provide additional photos of the trestle and surrounding stone wall and any historical information that is available. Please advise if the stone wall will be retained should the trestle be removed.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Please refer to the Kansas State Review & Compliance number (KSR&C#) listed above on any future correspondence. Please submit any comments or questions regarding this review to Kim Norton at 785-272-8681, ext. 225.

Sincerely,
Jennie Chinn
State Historic Preservation Officer


Patrick Zollner
Director, Cultural Resources Division
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer