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November 20, 2007

Mr. David Bibler  
The Louis Berger Group, Inc.  
950 50th Street  
Marion, IA 52302-3853

*RE: A LEVEL III CULTURAL RESOURCES EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSED DAKOTA, MINNESOTA & EASTERN RAILROAD CORPORATION'S POWDER RIVER BASIN EXPANSION PROJECT CORRIDOR, CUSTER, FALL RIVER, AND PENNINGTON COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA*

Dear Mr. Bibler:

The second cultural resources inventory for portions of the Powder River Basin Project (PRB Project) in South Dakota is now available for review by the Surface Transportation Board (STB). This report was prepared by Augustana College under contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR). The report documents their 2006 and 2007 field investigations in South Dakota sponsored by the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad (DM&E) in support of the PRB Project.

As we discussed previously, the report has been converted into PDF files to facilitate your review. The files have been uploaded to HDR's FTP Public Site (<ftp://ftp.hdrinc.com>). You will be prompted to enter a username (UADMMADSONHDR) and password (dCu&6ZYK) before downloading the report files.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist in your review of the report. Please provide comments on the report at your earliest convenience, preferably by December 14, using the comment log provided on the FTP Public Site. We look forward to the comments from the STB and the consulting parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Madson".

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