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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34658, The Alaska Railroad Corporation – Petition for Exemption to Construct and Operate a Rail Line Between North Pole and Delta Junction, Alaska

Dear Ms. Floyd:

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is providing supplementary cultural resources information requested by your client, the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC), to facilitate review of the draft Section 106 Programmatic Agreement for the proposed Northern Rail Extension. Please note that the report information is sensitive in nature and is not for use or distribution beyond ARRC.

We have included a copy of three documents prepared by the independent third-party consultant ICF International and their subcontractor Northern Land Use Research: (1) *Site Location Model and Survey Strategy for Cultural Resources in the Alaska Railroad Northern Rail Extension Project Area*; (2) *Results of the 2006 Cultural Resource Survey of Proposed Alaska Railroad Northern Rail Extension Routes and Ancillary Facilities, Alaska*; and (3) *Results of the 2007 Cultural Resource Survey of Proposed Alaska Railroad Northern Rail Extension Routes, Alaska*.

We look forward to your comments on the draft Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. If you have any questions about the project, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Navecky, SEA Project Manager, at 202-245-0294, or Alan Summerville, ICF International Project Manager, at 703-934-3616.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Chief
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Enclosure