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***SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD***

Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration

Richard Forster, Chairman  
Amador County Board of Supervisors  
810 Court Street  
Jackson, California 95642

May 19, 2008

RE: STB Docket No. AB-512X, Sierra Pacific Industries – Abandonment Exemption  
– in Amador County, CA

Dear Mr. Forster:

The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has completed its review of Sierra Pacific Industries's (SPI) proposed abandonment of an approximately 12-mile rail line in Amador County, California, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f.

As you may know, the Amador Central Railroad District and associated historic resources were found to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and SEA concluded that the proposed abandonment would have an adverse effect on these historic properties. As a result of the Section 106 consultation process, SEA developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6. This MOA includes mitigation measures such as documentation of the historic resources. In addition, SPI has voluntarily agreed to donate all buildings and contents of historic value in the current Martell Station to the Amador County Museum, provided that the Amador County Museum removes any property that it wants within four months of the date that this MOA is executed.

I have enclosed six copies of the MOA for your review and signature. **If you agree with the terms of the MOA, please sign all six copies at the appropriate line.** At that time, Mr. Gary Blanc with SPI will forward all six originals to the SHPO for signature.

If you have questions regarding the MOA or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 245-0299. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christa Dean".

Christa Dean  
Attorney  
Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosure