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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments –
Construction and Operation – Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah

Dear Ms. Harris:

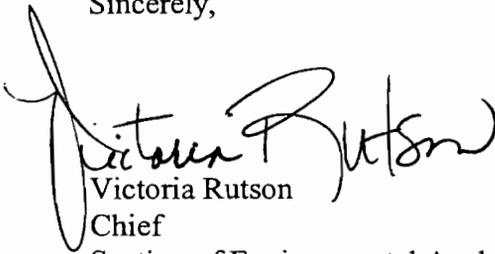
Thank you for your August 21, 2006 letter regarding the environmental review in Finance Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments – Construction and Operation – Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah. We are currently in the process of assessing each of the issues that you raise (including our public outreach efforts, the results of our consultation with Federally recognized tribes, and our assessment of cumulative and indirect impacts) as we work through the Section 106 process. We will be sending you a letter regarding our final determination of adverse effect in the future along with the additional documentation that you requested in your letter.

In addition, when the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) issues the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), we will submit the document for your review and comment. The DEIS will include a summary of the Section 106 issues that have been addressed thus far. The DEIS will be available to appropriate Federal, state and local agencies, the public, the Utah State Historic Preservation Office, Federally recognized tribes and Section 106 consulting parties that have been identified by SEA.

We greatly appreciate your input thus far and look forward to future consultations with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for this project, as needed.

If you need further information or have any questions, please contact me at (202) 565-1545 or Catherine Glidden, at (202) 565-1542, gliddenc@stb.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "R".

Victoria Rutson
Chief

Section of Environmental Analysis

cc: Matthew T. Seddon, Ph.D., Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer - Archaeology
Six County Association of Governments