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**ND SHPO Ref.:08-1110 STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 56X) AND ND
PSC Case No. RR-08-636 Soo Line Railroad Company, dba Canadian Pacific
Railway Company Notice of Intent to File Notice of Exemption -
Abandonment of Trackage in Bottineau, Rolette, and Towner Counties, North
Dakota**

Dear Mr. Hansen,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref.:08-1110 STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 56X) Soo Line Railroad Company Notice of Intent to File Notice of Exemption - Abandonment of Trackage in Bottineau, Rolette, and Towner Counties, North Dakota, and concur with a "No Historic Properties Affected" determination, provided the abandonment project is of the nature specified and takes place in the legal description listed and plotted in the correspondence. If any borrow fill material (gravel, sand, etc) is required for the abandonment project, the material must be derived from an approved source, that is, one surveyed by an archaeologist and found to contain no significant cultural resources. Contact Susan Quinnell for more information if borrow fill is required.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this abandonment project. Please include the ND SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576, or squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,


Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer
(North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

c: Mr. Tony Clark, PSC Commissioner, 600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 408, Bismarck ND 58505-0480

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**Concurrence with No Historic Properties Affected
Determination**

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