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Re: Rockies Express Pipeline Project (FERC) Buchanan, Clinton, Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Randolph & Audrain Counties, Missouri

Dear Mr. Titus:

Thank you for submitting information on the above referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

We have reviewed the May 2006 draft report entitled *Cultural Resource Investigations, Phase I Survey, Westphalia Sewer Treatment Plant, Osage County, Missouri* by Craig Sturdevant, Environmental Research Center of Missouri, Inc. Based on this review, it is evident that a thorough and adequate cultural resources survey has been conducted. We do note that on Page 61, Tribal Consultation, the Sac and Fox of the Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, and the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa are not among the tribes listed as contacted. If the three nations have not been provided with information on this project, they should be.

We concur with the investigator's recommendation that archaeological sites 23CI88, 23CH343, 23CH344, 23CH348, 23AU137 may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. If at all possible, the proposed project should be designed to avoid these archaeological sites. Plans detailing the redesign of the project corridor should be submitted to this office in order to document the successful avoidance of this site. If avoidance is not feasible, subsurface archaeological testing should be conducted in order to determine if these sites are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The results of the evaluation should be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office in accordance with the Council's regulations. Pending completion of this process, no actions should be taken that would foreclose consideration of alternatives to avoid or satisfactorily mitigate any adverse effects to historic properties. The deep testing as described in the report should also be accomplished before the initiation of project related activities in those areas.

We also concur that archaeological sites 23BN8, 23BN38, 23BN40, 23BN59, 23BN72, 23BN73, 23CI87, 23CI89, 23CW53, 23CW54, 23CW55, 23CW56, 23CW57, 23CW58, 23CW59, 23CW61, 23CA58, 23CH73, 23CH338, 23CH339, 23CH340, 23CH341, 23CH342, 23CH345, 23CH346, 23CH347, 23AU138, 23AU139, 23AU140 and 23AU141 are not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Sites 23CW60, 23BN3, and 23CI11 are outside of the project right-of-way or could not be located with the ROW, and therefore no further work is required.

If you have any questions, please write Judith Deel at State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or call 573/751-7862. Please be sure to include the SHPO Log Number (007-BN-06) on all future correspondence or inquiries relating to this project.

Sincerely,
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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