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Elizabeth Orlando, Esq.
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Room 2657
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

RE: Keystone Oil Pipeline Project
Section 106 Consultation

Dear Ms. Orlando:

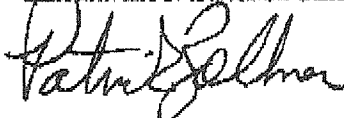
In accordance with 36 CFR 800, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed a set of maps (enclosed), sent by Steve Titus of American Resources Group (ARG), illustrating archeological survey along the proposed route of the Keystone Oil Pipeline in Marshall, Nemaha, Brown, and Doniphan Counties, Kansas. After consultation with our office, the survey illustrated in the maps was recently conducted by ARG (under contract with ENSR of Fort Collins, Colorado) for the adjacent Rockies Express (REX) natural gas pipeline. Phase III testing of archeological sites for National Register eligibility has also been completed, while geomorphological testing of selected locations (chosen with our input) for deeply buried sites is still pending.

As illustrated in the enclosed maps, TransCanada (sponsor of the Keystone Oil Pipeline) proposes to place their development within the survey corridor already examined for the REX pipeline. Given that those areas of concern (selected with our input) have already been surveyed and testing/geomorphological investigations are underway, we see no need for additional field investigations for the Keystone project. Providing that any changes such as reroutes or temporary work spaces within the selected survey areas are examined and reported upon separately, we conclude that Section 106 obligations Keystone Oil Pipeline Project in Kansas have been met.

This information is provided at your request to assist you in identifying historic properties, as specified in 36 CFR 800 for Section 106 consultation procedures. Thank you for your assistance. If you have questions or need additional information regarding these comments, please contact Tim Weston at 785-272-8681 (ext. 214).

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer



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Cc: Steve Titus, ARG