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Steve Titus
President
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RE: Rockies Express Pipeline Project
Draft Survey Report

Dear Mr. Titus:

In accordance with 36 CFR 800, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the draft report entitled *A Phase II Cultural Resources Survey of the Kansas Segment of the Proposed Rockies Express Pipeline Project (REX) Corridor, Marshall, Nemaha, Brown, and Doniphan Counties, Kansas*, by Jeff Myers, Cally Lence, Steve Titus, and Jeff Anderson, dated May, 2006. We find the report to be thorough and well written, but we have two issues we would like to see addressed in the final. First, we find the use of temporary site numbers to be distracting. In all later phases of the project, we will require permanent Smithsonian trinomial numbers, which may be obtained from our records manager, Anita Frank. She can be reached at (785) 272-8681 ext. 268 or afank@kshs.org. Second, we see no discussion of standing structures, other than reference to standing outbuildings associated with recorded farmstead sites. We assume that no significant structures will be impacted by the project, but that issue needs to be clearly addressed in the report, or in a separate document.

As to the report recommendations, we concur that archeological sites ARG-3, ARG-10, and ARG-12 should be tested at the Phase III level for National Register eligibility if they cannot be avoided. We also concur that sufficient fieldwork has been conducted at the remaining eleven sites (ARG-1, ARG-2, ARG-4, ARG-6, ARG-8, ARG-11, ARG-13, ARG-14, ARG-15, ARG-18, and ARG-23) to establish that they are not eligible for National Register listing. We further concur that additional geomorphological investigations (deep testing) should be carried out at the 12 stream crossings identified in Table 6-1 on pages 131-133 of the draft report. We agree that sufficient investigations have been completed at the remaining 13 crossings identified in the same table.

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. If you have questions or need additional information regarding these comments, please contact Tim Weston 785-272-8681 (ext. 214) or Bob Bettis 785-272-8681 ext 226. Please refer to the Kansas Review & Compliance number (KSR&C#) above on all future correspondence relating to this project.

Sincerely,

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