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PREFERRED ALIGNMENT IDENTIFIED

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) are pleased to announce that Line 5 has been identified as the Preferred Alignment for the I-69 Section of Independent Utility 13, El Dorado to McGehee, Arkansas project.

The identification of the Preferred Alignment is based on a review of the impacts outlined in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, consideration of public comments collected throughout the environmental review process, including the June 2004 public hearings, and consultation with participating state and federal agencies, including the Federal Highway Administration. The Preferred Alignment provides the best opportunity to minimize property impacts (only 5 homes directly impacted over the 103 mile project), would avoid direct impacts to developed communities, provides Interstate access to area residents, and minimizes impacts to the natural environment to the extent practicable.

Baker personnel may request access to your property as they continue to evaluate natural and cultural resources as part of the Final Environmental Impact Statement work being conducted for this project. Your cooperation will ensure that all resources are thoroughly evaluated during this phase of study.

More detailed maps of the Preferred Alignment can be viewed on the project website at <http://www.i-69.dina.org/meetings> or by contacting:

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