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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB603 (Sub-N0.4X), V and S Railway, LLC – Abandonment Exemption in Crowley, Otero, and Kiowa Counties

Dear Ms. Brown,

This letter is in support of KCVN, LLC's (KCVN) petition to the Surface Transportation Board to reject the "Amended Verified Notice of Exemption" ("Amended Notice") filed by V and S Railway, LLC, ("V & S") in the docket of November 30, 2015.

KCVN and its wholly owned subsidiary, Colorado and Pacific Railroad, LLC have filed with the Surface Transportation Board their intentions to produce an Offer of Financial Assistance to the secure the rail line from V & S, and to make the necessary investments and actions to restore freight service over the rail line for shippers. Since its acquisition from the State of Colorado, V & S has demonstrated no willingness to make the necessary steps to restore freight service over the rail line.

We request that the Surface Transportation Board employ whatever authority that is within their jurisdiction to reject the Amended Notice and expedite the transfer of ownership of the rail line from V and S Railway, LLC to KCVN/Colorado Pacific Railroad. Viable operation of this line is extremely important to the economy of Kiowa County, and all of Southeast Colorado. Operation of the line will also relieve much of the heavy truck traffic from the under-maintained, under-funded highway system in the Southeast Colorado region.

Very truly,

T.E. (Tobe) Allumbaugh, Chair

Frank Grant

Gary Gibson

CC: Kiowa County Commissioners
Otero County Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

DOCKET NO. AB603 (SUB-N0.4X)

I DO CERTIFY THAT ON THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016, I HAVE SERVED A COPY OF THE FOREGOING ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION REJECTION REQUEST BY U.S. MAIL TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS OF RECORD IN THE ABOVE NAMED PROCEEDING:

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Frank Grant, Crowley County Commissioner