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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Finance Docket No. 34836

ARIZONA EASTERN RAILWAY - CONSTRUCTION AND
OPERATION - GRAHAM COUNTY, AZ

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NOTICE TO THE PARTIES:

On February 25, 2008, the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and the Federal Railroad Administration, a cooperating agency, issued an Environmental Assessment (EA) in this proceeding. The EA provided a 36-day comment period for interested parties to submit comments. Comments were originally due March 31, 2008.

In response to two written requests from a state agency and a property owner for an extension of the comment period, SEA is advising all interested parties that the comment period will be extended an additional 30 days. The comment period will now end on May 1, 2008. Both written requests sought an additional 60 days to submit comments on the EA. However, SEA believes that a 30-day extension is appropriate in order to balance the needs of the requestors with the need to move the environmental review process forward without undue delay.

The Comment period, originally scheduled to conclude on March 31, 2008, is extended to May 1, 2008.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary