

BEFORE THE

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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STB DOCKET NO. AB 33 (Sub-No. 277X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION -
IN LAFOURCHE PARISH, LA

STB FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35601

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY
- TRACKAGE RIGHTS EXEMPTION -
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY



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LETTER URGING THE STB TO RULE ON THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY'S REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE OVER A 12.5-MILE PORTION OF UP'S LOCKPORT BRANCH AND THE BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY REQUEST THAT THE STB AFFIRM ITS TRACKAGE RIGHTS TO OPERATE THE ENTIRE LOCKPORT BRANCH

Ms. Cynthia Brown
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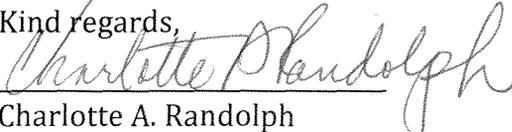
Dear Ms. Brown:

We write to officially request a Decision in the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) request to discontinue service over a 12.5-mile portion of the UP's Lockport Branch.

A decision by the STB to allow the UP to discontinue this Branch may hold back economic development in the region by depriving rail service to future developments planned on the Lockport Branch rail line. The BNSF appears to want to serve this line and bring in some of this economic development that is vital to the current and future growth in Lafourche Parish, Southeast Louisiana, and more broadly the state of Louisiana.

We urge the Surface Transportation Board to make a decision quickly in this matter.

Kind regards,



Charlotte A. Randolph
Lafourche Parish President
3/18/2013



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April 3, 2013

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Re: STB Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No.277x)

Dear Ms. Brown,

In the letter sent to you dated March 18, 2013 Lafourche Parish Government failed to provide certificate of service to all parties of record in the above reference matter. Please allow this letter to serve as verification that Lafourche Parish Government has served all parties of record to this case.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Randolph
Parish President
Lafourche Parish Government

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