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

Dear Ms. Brown,

We are writing this letter to support KCVN, LLC ("KCVN") in their petition to the Surface Transportation Board to reject the "Amended Verified Notice of Exemption" ("Amended Notice") filed by the V and S railway, LLC ("V&S") in this docket November 30, 2015.

KCVN and its wholly owned subsidiary, Colorado and Pacific Railroad, LLC ("CPRR"), have filed with the Surface Transportation Board their intentions to produce an Offer of Financial Assistance to secure the rail, most commonly known as the Towner Line, and to make the investments and actions necessary to restore freight service over the line for rail shippers.

We ask the Surface Transportation Board to employ whatever authorities are within their realm to expedite the transfer of ownership of the Towner Line from V and S Railway to KCVN / Colorado Pacific Railroad.

It is obvious, even to those not entirely familiar with rail enterprise, that V and S Railway has never and is not now intending to make the investment and take the necessary steps to restore freight service over the Towner Line. KCVN and Colorado Pacific Railroad have formally stated and filed their intention to make the necessary investment to restore the Towner Line as a freight carrier.

The Towner Line is of tremendous importance to the economy of Kiowa County and to the agriculture economy of much of Southeast Colorado. Reinstating the Towner Line for freight and agriculture commodities will enhance the market of current agricultural products;

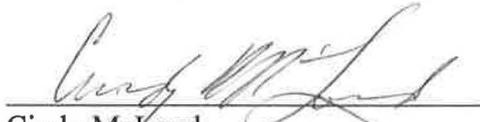
open the way for some exciting new markets, such as White Wheat and Proso Millet and at the same time relieve the burden of heavy truck traffic over already under-maintained and under-funded Highways such as Colorado State Highway 96, US 385 and US 287.

We appreciate any consideration you can give this issue.

Sincerely,

Board of County Commissioners
Kiowa County, Colorado


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Dear Ms. Brown,

This is to verify that I have sent copies of the letter attached to all of the parties of record on the Service List for the above named Docket. Please let me know if I am required to send a copy to the non-party names on the list.

Sincerely,


Tina Adamson
Kiowa County Administrator