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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, S.W., Room #100  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: Petition for Exemption to Abandon of a portion of the North Little Rock Junction Bridge Line from M.P. 343.65 to the end of the Line at M.P.343.97 in North Little Rock, a total distance of 0.32 miles in Pulaski County, Arkansas (the "Line"; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 290X)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

The City of North Little Rock, Arkansas has now approached UP with a request to purchase this very short Line M.P.343.65 to M.P. 343.97, a total distance of .32 miles or 1,690 feet. In order to transfer the property to the City of North Little Rock, UP must first satisfy the outstanding regulatory condition imposed by the Board and confirm that UP has consulted with the NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that could disturb any geodetic station markers on the Line, salvage the remaining track segment and consummate the abandonment. At the request of UP the NGS filed with the Board its letter dated June 9, 2016 indicating that UP has completed the required regulatory consultation imposed by the Board and that NGS has no objection to the Board issuing an amendment to the Board's decision in the subject abandonment acknowledging that the Board imposed condition has been satisfied. See Exhibit A which is attached hereto and hereby made a part thereof.

UP is aware that the Board imposed consultation requirements with the NGS are normally self actuating and verification is represented in the Notice of Consummation. However, in this matter the Board reopened the proceeding after the deadline for comments had passed and specifically imposed the condition that UP consult with NGS in advance and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities because the NGS had then determined that one (1) Geodetic survey marker may be located in the area. After further review it was finally determined that no geodetic survey marker would be disturbed by the planned salvage of the Line, which is located in downtown, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

In addition, as noted in the Board's decision there was a related abandonment of the adjacent Camp Robison Spur from M.P.345.64 to M.P.249.68 for a total distance of 4.04 miles that was eventually sold to the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas for trail use under 16 U.S.C. §1247(d) and 49 CFR §1152.29. (See AB-33 (Sub-No. 289X). While the subject .32 mile Line will not be



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included in the Camp Robinson Trail it will be used by the City of North Little Rock for its development purposes.

Therefore, for the reasons outlined above, Union Pacific Railroad Company respectfully requests that the Board reopen the proceeding and acknowledge that UP has satisfied the outstanding condition thereby permitting UP to complete salvaging of the Line, consummation of the abandonment within sixty (60) days of the Board's decision and transfer of the real property to the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas for its development purposes.

Sincerely,

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Senior General Attorney



June 9, 2016

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**RE: Petition for Exemption to Abandon of a portion of the North Little Rock Junction Bridge Line from M.P. 343.65 to the end of the Line at M.P.343.97 in North Little Rock, a total distance of 0.32 miles in Pulaski County, Arkansas the "Line"; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 290X)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

The last filed document from the NGS in this matter was dated November 17, 2010 delivered to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and the STB's Section of Environmental Analysis indicating that the NGS had identified 1. geodetic station marker that may be affected by the proposed abandonment. UP confirmed to NGS on May 26, 2016 that it has taken no steps to formally salvage the Line and has no record showing any prior consultation with the NGS by UP to remove the condition imposed by the STB. At UP's request, I have completed a search with mapping tools and found no NGS geodetic control stations in the immediate vicinity of the abandonment and salvage of this Line would have no effect on NGS control stations. This completes regulatory consultation with NGS.

Therefore, please be advised that UP has satisfied the STB imposed condition that UP consult with the NGS and notify the NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that could disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers. NGS has no objection to the STB issuing an amendment to its decision in the subject abandonment acknowledging that the condition has been satisfied.

Thank you,

Brian Ward  
Arkansas NGS Geodetic Advisor