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**VIA E-FILE**

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

**RE: Combined Joint Petition for Exemption for Union Pacific Railroad Company (“UP”) to discontinue its operation of the B&M Bridge Line, as hereinafter defined, and to abandon and discontinue service on a portion of UP’s Brownsville Subdivision from milepost 7.4 near Olmito Junction, TX to milepost 0.22 at Brownsville, TX (the “Brownsville Subdivision”) and for Brownsville and Matamoros Bridge Company (“B&M”) to abandon B&M’s 0.8 mile of rail line north of the international border with Mexico, at Brownsville, TX (The “B&M Bridge Line”); UP Docket AB-33 (Sub-No. 306X) and B&M Docket AB – 1091X.**

**AND**

**Request under 49 U.S.C. §10502 to exempt this proposed Combined Joint Petition for UP’s discontinuance of UP’s operations of the B&M Bridge Line and to abandon and discontinue service on a portion of UP’s Brownsville Subdivision and for Exemption to abandon B&M’s B&M Bridge Line from the Offer of Financial Assistance Provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10904 and the Public Use Provisions of 49 U.S.C. §10905 for reasons that such exemption from said provisions will not adversely impact the ability to carry out the transportation policy of 49 U.S.C. §10101, that the transaction is of limited scope and that the right of way is needed for a valid public purpose and overriding public need.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is Union Pacific Railroad Company and Brownsville and Matamoros Bridge Company’s letter to the Texas Historical Commission dated January 10, 2012, including bridge photos to complete the record in accordance with the recommendation of Troy Brady with the STB’s Office of Environmental Analysis.

Sincerely,



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Attachment



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January 10, 2012

Texas Historical Commission  
Elrose Building  
108 W. 16th Street, 1st Floor  
Austin, TX 78701  
c/o Bill Martin

RE: Re: Brownsville and Matamoros Bridge Company (B&M Bridge) and Union Pacific Railroad (UP) proposed joint notice of exemption for B&M Bridge to abandon its 0.8 mile of rail line north of the international border at Brownsville, TX, and for UP to discontinue its operation of the B&M Bridge line and to discontinue service on and to abandon its Brownsville Subdivision from milepost 7.4 near Olmito Junction to milepost 0.22 at Brownsville, TX; B&M Bridge Docket AB-1091X and UP Docket AB-33 (Sub-No. 306X).

I have enclosed a copy of the letter dated November 11, 2011 wherein Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") notified various agencies of its plans with Brownsville and Matamoros Bridge Company (B&M Bridge) to propose a joint notice of exemption for B&M Bridge to abandon its 0.8 mile of rail line north of the international border at Brownsville, TX, and for UP to discontinue its operation of the B&M Bridge line and to discontinue service on and to abandon its Brownsville Subdivision from milepost 7.4 near Olmito Junction to milepost 0.22 at Brownsville, TX. A map of the proposed track abandonment shown in black and red is attached. In the same letter, UP attached a map which outlined the bridges. In addition, we are enclosing color photographs. The abandonment will lead to the removal of the track on the B&M bridge, but the structure itself will remain in place and may be returned to limited vehicular use.

The Surface Transportation Board ("STB") desires verification that your office sees no outstanding issues under Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act. Accordingly, if you concur that there are no outstanding Section 106 issues regarding the Line, please verify by signing and dating the second page of this letter and return same to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, or if you prefer, you may respond via email to [cgraham@up.com](mailto:cgraham@up.com) with a signed version of the letter in PDF format.

Sincerely,



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No Outstanding Section 106 Issues

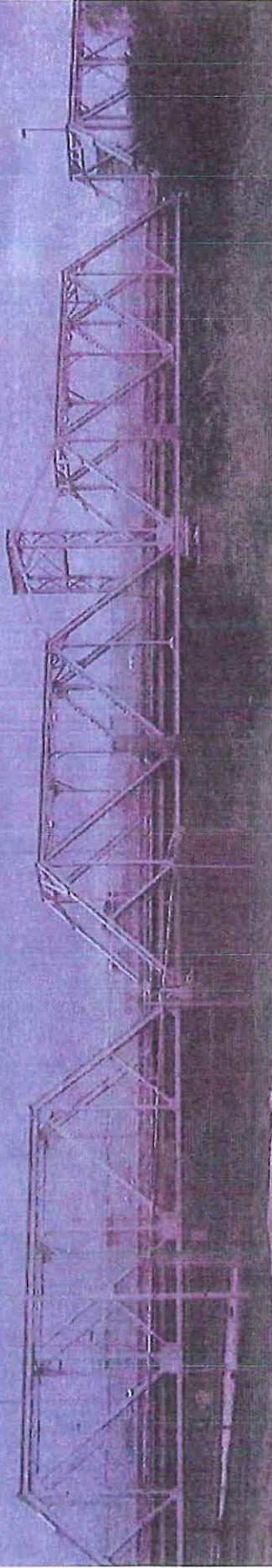
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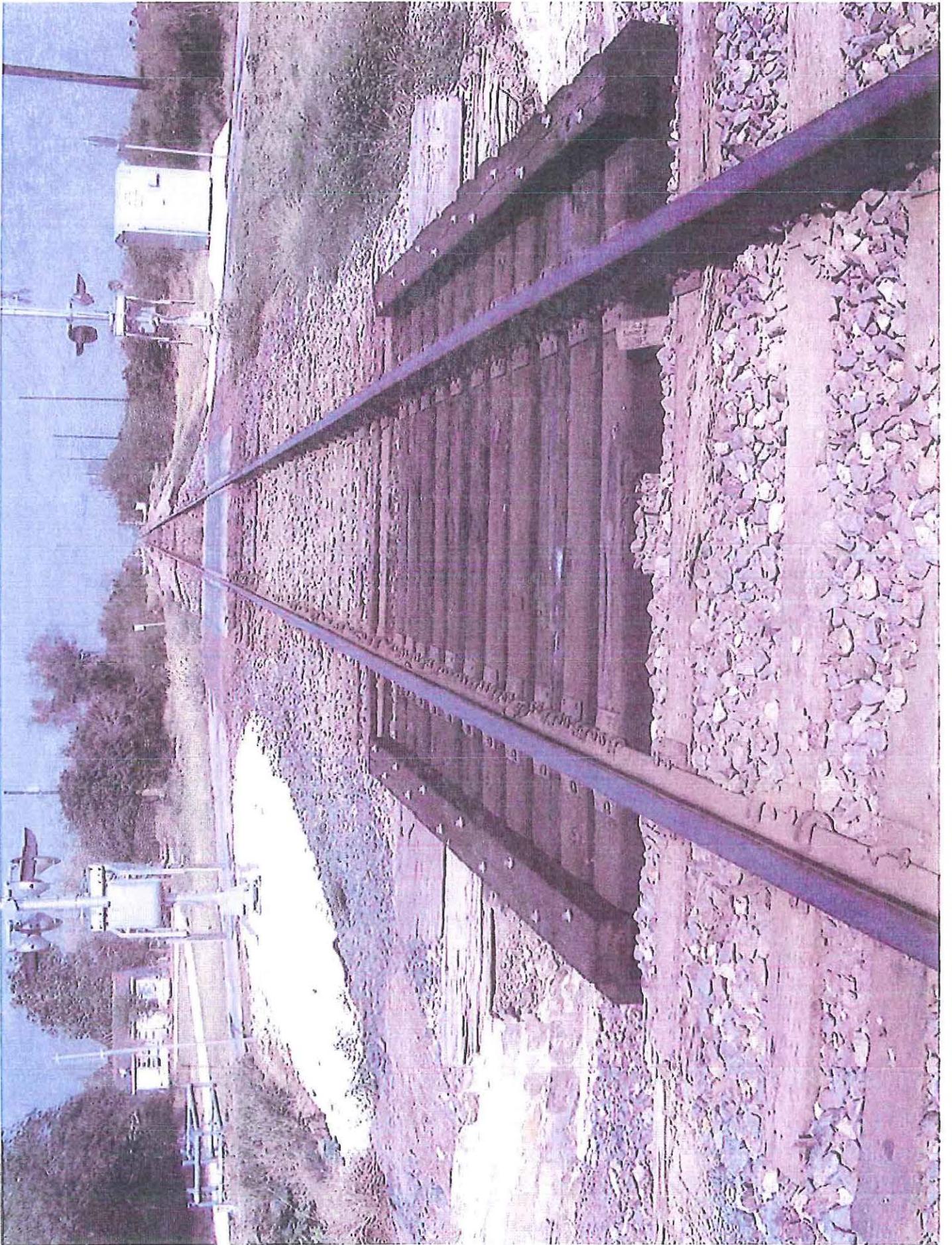
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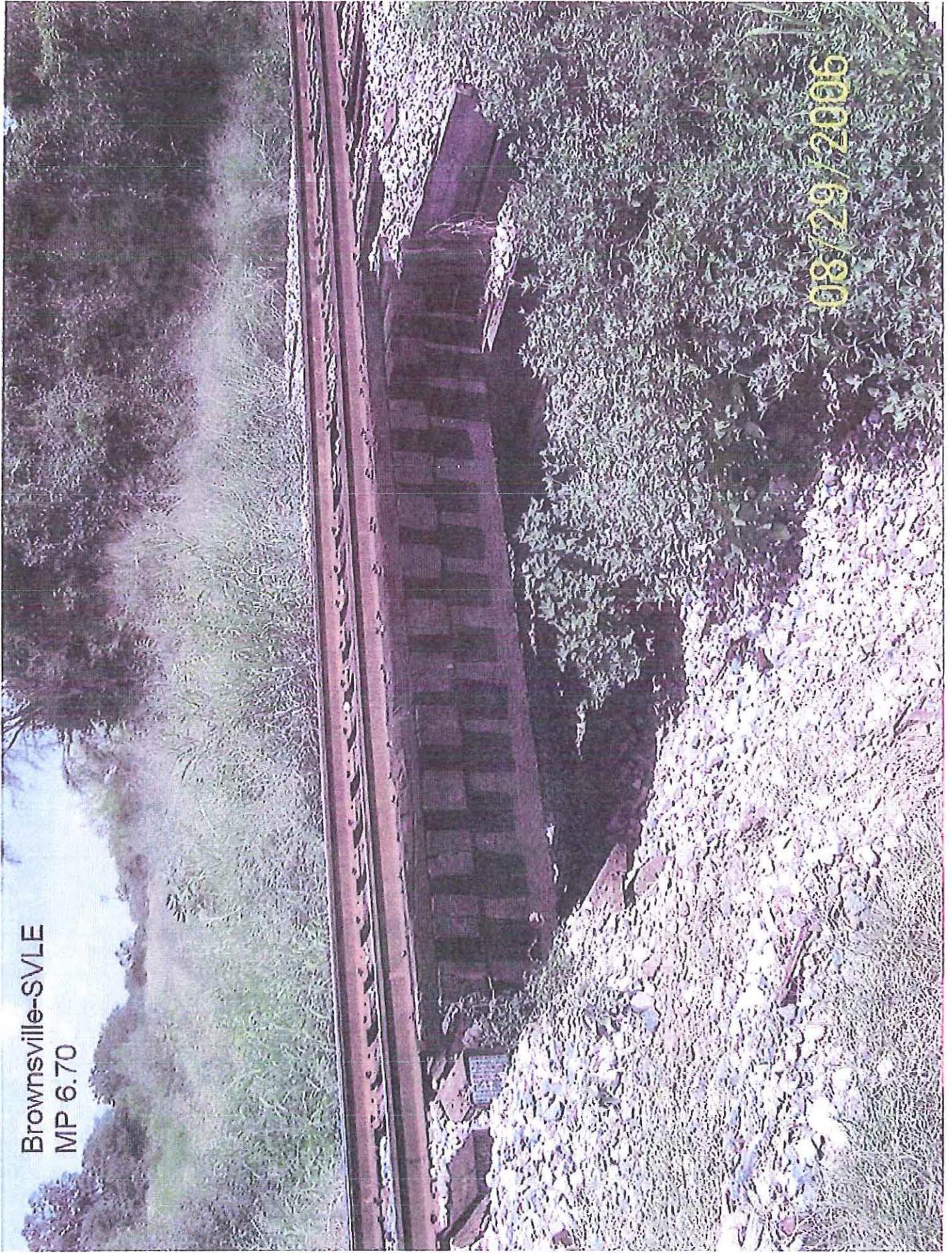
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