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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief  
Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Docket No. AB-1099X, *Sunflour Railroad, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption -- in Roberts and Marshall Counties, SD*

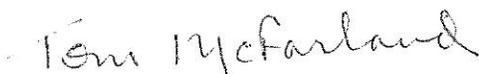
Dear Ms. Brown:

This refers to a request made by Ms. McNair of your office by telephone on June 14 that Applicant explain the meaning of the phrase "having alleged or proven that SRI has imposed an illegal embargo or other unlawful impediment to service" that appears at the end of Item 2 of the Verification of Thomas Z. Mars, which is Appendix 2 of the Verified Notice of Exemption Under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 in the above proceeding.

The phrase under consideration modifies the term "formal complaint" that appears earlier in Item 2. The intent is to state that no formal complaint has been filed in which the complaining party alleged or proved that Sunflour Railroad, Inc. imposed an illegal embargo of rail service over the rail line to be abandoned, nor imposed any other unlawful impediment to the provision of rail service over the rail line.

The phrase is intended to comply with the final sentence of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b). Perhaps the intent would have been clearer if the phrase had been stated in a separate sentence. I apologize for any confusion.

Very truly yours,



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