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Via UPS Next Day Air

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 184X) – Abandonment of Rail Line Between
Wendel and McArthur, CA

Dear Mr. Williams:

This refers to the February 5, 2002 letter of the United States Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") requesting an extension of time for trail use negotiations on the above line.

UP is agreeable to an additional trail use negotiating period of one year for BLM or other entities that may desire trail negotiations. UP further states that it has not consummated the above abandonment so the Board continues to have jurisdiction over the line.

As background information, the above abandonment/discontinuance was exempted by the Board in September 1996 as part of the Board's decision approving the UP/SP merger. The exemption was subject to a negotiating period for trail use (NITU), which has been extended several times at UP's request. The most recent extension expired on August 8, 2001. However, meaningful negotiations were not possible during the prior trail use negotiating periods because of UP's uncertainty as to when the line would be available for disposition. UP is now ready to dispose of the line, and notified the prospective trail sponsors of this on January 24, 2002. The BLM's letter of February 5, 2002 is in response to our notification.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's files.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert T. Opal".

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