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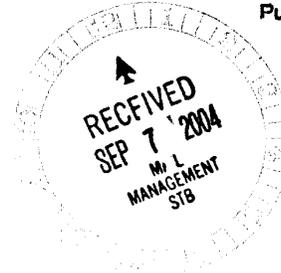
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**Via Fax (202) 565-9002**

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**Re: Docket No. AB-12 (Sub-No. 184X) – Abandonment Exemption – Wendel-Alturas  
Line, California (Related to F.D. 32706); Request for Extension of Negotiations for  
Trail Use**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Confirming my telephone message to Ms. Newman of your office, Union Pacific is agreeable to an extension of one (1) year in the negotiating period for trail use in the above proceeding as requested by the United States Department of the Interior.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for your files.

Very truly yours,

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

cc: Dayne Barron  
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