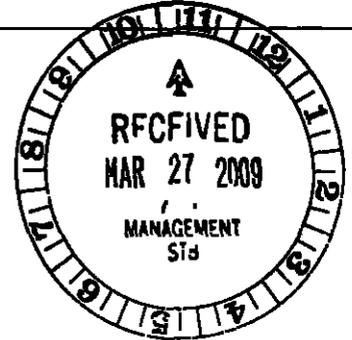




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**Via UPS Overnight**

The Honorable Anne Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
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395 E Street, S W  
Washington, D C 20423

**RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261) Union Pacific Railroad Company – Abandonment – In New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties, Missouri (Essex to Miner Line)**

Dear Secretary Quinlan

As a “Significant User” of the above listed Essex to Miner track, (Steward Steel Supply), I urge you to not allow this section of track to be abandoned

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, you received the application from Union Pacific dated February 26<sup>th</sup>, outlining their request, along with a very detailed packet of supporting evidence. I do not contest the supporting evidence. I do, however, wish to add that using alternative shipping methods will certainly add cost to the product we manufacture, which could result in the loss of an entire contract. Loss of a contract will certainly cost jobs and revenue. Please do not send us down this path, especially in these most challenging times.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. I may be reached at my direct number, 573-481-2604, should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Roy W. Morton, President  
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