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EXPEDITED ACTION REQUESTED

May 19, 2009

BY E-FILE

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-857 (Sub-No. 1X) Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Weld County, Colorado

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC ("GWRC") hereby respectfully requests a one year extension of the deadline for consummating the abandonment in this proceeding.

GWRC's notice of exemption in this proceeding became effective on June 5, 2008. By decision served June 4, 2008, the Board imposed certain conditions including a section 106 historic preservation condition. By decision served March 23, 2009, the Board reopened the proceeding and removed the historic preservation condition. Pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), GWRC has until May 22, 2009 to file its consummation notice.

GWRC is currently exploring alternative options to consummating the abandonment of the rail line, including various public uses of the corridor. Consequently, GWRC respectfully requests the Board to extend the consummation deadline for one year from its current expiration date.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Morell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karl Morell