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VIA E-FILING

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Notice of Exemption from M. P. 550.5 west of Osborne to the end of the Line at M. P. 580.63 in Osborne and Rooks Counties, Kansas; Solomon Branch Line; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 269X)

**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

According to the decision of the Board having a service date of July 28, 2008 in the above-referenced matter, it was ordered that if there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation of the subject abandonment, pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2), Union Pacific Railroad Company, ("Union Pacific"), shall file a Notice of Consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandon the line by July 28, 2009.

Union Pacific is in the process of salvaging the Line which is over thirty (30) miles long. Based on the salvage contractor's estimates, the salvage process will not be completed until late Fall of 2009. Therefore, Union Pacific respectfully requests that the Board extend the time for filing the Notice of Consummation in this matter as permitted under 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2) to December 31, 2009.

Sincerely,

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