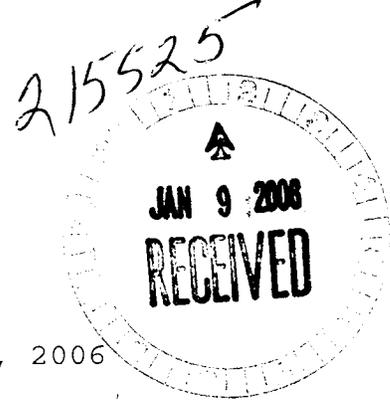


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**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34802, Petition of Pyco Industries, Inc., for Alternative Rail Service over the tracks and facilities of South Plains Switching Ltd.**

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Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of my client, West Texas & Lubbock Railway Co., Inc. ("WTL") to respond to the letter submitted by counsel for South Plains Switching, Ltd. Co. (SAW) on Friday afternoon January 6, 2005, by its counsel, Tom McFarland. WTL urges the Board to strike this letter for all of the reasons advanced by Pyco Industries, Inc., and its counsel in its "Reply to January 6 SAW Petition" filed today.

With respect to the claim in Mr. McFarland's letter that "the owner of the West Texas & Lubbock Railroad has twice attempted to purchase SAW, but SAW did not agree to be sold," this is new matter not suitable for any sort of "reply to reply" or sur-rebuttal. It has nothing to do with the merits of this proceeding and was merely submitted to confuse the issues. It should be stricken.

That being said, the fact is that WTL's management approached Mr. Wisener about the possibility of buying SAW in 2003 or 2004. He responded that he was going to give the railroad to his kids, so WTL gave up and has had no further contact with him about the subject since then, and has made no efforts toward a purchase.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Heffner", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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