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

Re: Ex Parte No. 647; Class Exemption for Expedited Abandonment Procedure for
Class II and Class III Railroads - Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Secretary Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company intends to participate in the above proceeding. Any comments filed by other parties should be served (electronically or hard copy) on the following:

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert T. Opal", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.