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By electronic mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34802, *PYCO Industries, Inc. -- Alternative Rail Service -- South Plains Switching, Ltd. Co.*

Dear Mr. Williams:

The letter to you in the above matter from John D. Heffner, Esq., attorney for West Texas & Lubbock Railway Co., Inc. (WTL), dated January 27, 2006, contains several misstatements which should be corrected.

Mr. Heffner says that WTL and its counsel contacted me to negotiate regarding operating protocols. In fact, it was just the opposite; I contacted Mr. Heffner for that purpose.

Mr. Heffner says that I advised him the "SAW would not participate in any conference call." In fact, I told Mr. Heffner that after conferring with Mr. Larry D. Wisener of SAW, I would be SAW's participant in the conference call regarding negotiations. That was done to avoid personality conflicts. I was fully able to confer with Mr. Wisener and represent SAW's interests.

Mr. Heffner says that WTL diligently negotiated with SAW's counsel. In fact, WTL never budged from its demand for a 12-hour operating window.

Very truly yours,



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