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January 26, 2007

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

RE: STB Docket No. AB-1081X, San Pedro
Railroad Operating Company, LLC-Abandonment
Exemption-In Cochise County, AZ,

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Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of San Pedro Railroad Operating Company (SPROC), I am writing in connection with the above-captioned abandonment proceeding.

On January 22, 2007, the Trust for Public Land ("TPL") filed a letter with the Board requesting a 30 day extension of the NITU previously issued in this proceeding on July 26, 2006. That would extend the negotiating period for a rail trail until approximately February 21, 2007. TPL seeks to acquire an approximately 36.4 section of SPROC's right of way sought to be abandoned here for the purpose of establishing a rail trail.

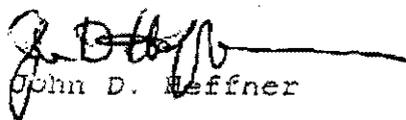
By this letter SPROC acknowledges receipt of TPL's extension request and expresses its consent to the extension. SPROC has yet to consummate this abandonment, notes that negotiations are continuing, and that an extension is necessary to facilitate a conclusion to those negotiations.

Yesterday afternoon I received a call from Mark Lerner, Esq., with the Office of Proceedings, to advise me of TPL's letter. I told Mr. Lerner that I would be submitting a letter agreeing to the extension. He also

asked me about SPROC's intentions regarding the portion of the railroad beyond milepost 1074.3 (to milepost 1097.3 to Paul Spur and beyond to milepost 1106.5 near Douglas and between milepost 1085.0 at Bisbee Jct., and milepost 1090.6 at Bisbee). SPROC desires to abandon this portion of the line and right of way and sell the land to other parties. I further advised Mr. Lerner that SPROC would postpone filing a letter of consummation with the Board as to the segment beyond milepost 1074.3 until it had an opportunity to confirm the accuracy of these mileposts.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,


John D. Heffner

Cc: Mark Lerner, Esq.
All Parties
Mr. David Parkinson
Mr. John Dugan