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

Dear Ms Quinlan:

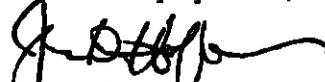
On behalf of San Pedro Railroad Operating Company (SPROC), I am writing in connection with the above-captioned abandonment proceeding.

On July 26, 2006, the Board served a decision permitting the abandonment exemption granted on February 3, 2006, to become effective subject to certain conditions. Thereafter by letter dated January 29, 2007, SPROC advised the Board that it had consummated this abandonment between (1) milepost 1084.0 and milepost 1097.3 at Paul Spur, (2) milepost 1097.3 at Paul Spur and milepost 1106.5 near Douglas, and (3) milepost 1085.0 at Bisbee Jct., and milepost 1090.6 at Bisbee, all in the State of Arizona.

By this letter, SPROC seeks Board permission to postpone for another year until July 26, 2009, the deadline for consummating abandonment of the remaining portion of the line covered by the above-captioned exemption. The segment of track for which this extension is sought runs from milepost 1040.15 near Curtiss to milepost 1084.0. SPROC seeks this extension because it and the owner of a portion of the underlying right-of-way, Union Pacific Railroad Company, are evaluating the strategic use of this rail corridor and wish to preserve their options for protecting the integrity of the corridor.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. David Parkinson
Ms. Candace Orr