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Re: **STB Finance Docket No. 30186 (Sub No. 3), Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc – Construction and Operation – Western Alignment**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On August 3, 2010, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. ("TRRC") filed a Petition for Extension of Time to Reply to the July 26, 2010 Petition to Reopen filed by Northern Plains Resource Council and Mark Fix. In the Petition for Extension of Time, TRRC reported that its attorneys had endeavored to contact Petitioners' counsel concerning the request for extension, but as of August 3 had not heard back from them.

TRRC counsel has today heard from Mr. Jack Tuholske, counsel of record for the parties that filed the Petition to Reopen. He has advised that he has no objection to the additional time requested.

Respectfully submitted,

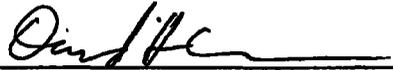


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cc: All parties of record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 6th day of August 2010, I have caused a copy of the foregoing Letter of Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. to be served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on all parties of record in STB Finance Docket Nos. 30186 (Sub-No. 3), 30186 (Sub No.2) and 30186.



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