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By electronic mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 132X), *Union Pacific Railroad Company --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Rio Grande and Mineral Counties, CO*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13(a), replies to the Petition to Reopen filed in behalf of Concerned Citizens of Creede and Mineral County, Colorado (Concerned Citizens) on November 5, 2004 are required to be filed by Friday, November 26, 2004.

This is to respectfully request an extension of 20 days, to December 16, 2004, of the date for filing such replies.

I have been authorized by Ronald M. Johnson, Esq., attorney for Concerned Citizens, to state that Concerned Citizens does not object to this request.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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