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Attn: Frankie McNair

**RE: Proposed Abandonment of the St. Joseph Industrial Lead
from M. P. 2.52 near Elwood to M. P. 33.60 near Robinson,
a distance of 30.98 miles in Brown and Doniphan Counties, Kansas;
STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 220X)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's request for clarification of the milepost equation (MP 13.90 = MP 14.00) in Doniphan County, Kansas with regard to the above referenced abandonment, please be advised that prior to 1934 the Chicago Pacific Rock Island Railroad ("RIRR") and the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railway, a subsidiary of Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP"), shared the railroad line coming out of St. Joseph, Missouri, crossing over the Missouri and going through Wathena, Kansas. West of Wathena at MP 7.4, the two railroads split. The RIRR had its own line that ultimately headed into Topeka, Kansas and the UP went on its way to Hiawatha. In 1934 the UP stopped using the UP's line between MP 7.4 and Troy, Kansas as a separate route, substituted via trackage rights the route over the RIRR. Those trackage rights went over the RIRR from MP 13.87 (13.9). UP then returned to its own railroad. Rather than re-milepost the entire balance of the St. Joseph and Grand Island, UP did an equation so it could retain the rest of the St. Joseph Grand Island mileposts the way they were. In that the RIRR and UP tracks did not share the same right-of-way corridor the RIRR would have been a different length than the UP. To correct for the milepost shift, UP placed the milepost equation at Troy and then the traditional St. Joseph and Grand Island mileposts ran from there, and in fact, are still being used today.

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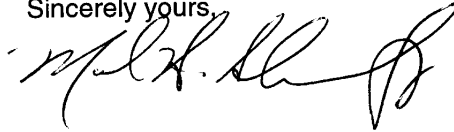
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Therefore, as indicated on the map for the subject abandonment, the equation $MP\ 13.90 = MP\ 14.00$ for that portion of the Line in Doniphan County, Kansas is a correct milepost reference. There are 27.24 miles of the Line in Doniphan County. This coupled with the 3.74 miles in Brown County, Kansas yields a total line length of 30.98 miles.

An original and ten (10) copies are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Williams", written in a cursive style.

Enclosures