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

**RE: Docket No. 42052; Union Pacific Railroad Company -- Petition for
Declaratory Order -- Unilaterally Imposed Interchange Charges**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is in response to inquiries by the Board's staff to AAR as to the status of this proceeding.

To briefly recap the history of this case, on February 14, 2000, UP filed a petition requesting that the Board institute a declaratory order proceeding concerning the legality of charges unilaterally established by some roads for "interchange delays". The Board instituted the proceeding by decision served June 13, 2000, and comments were filed by a number of parties. By decision served December 10, 2001, the Board requested that AAR convene a meeting to discuss interchange delays and, by decision served January 14, 2002, held the proceeding in abeyance. The requested meeting was held on May 1, 2002. There have been no filings or decisions in the proceeding since that date.

In the intervening years, most of the issues that gave rise to UP's original filing have been resolved by negotiations or by changed circumstances. As such, UP believes that there is no longer any need for the Board to continue this proceeding, or to address the issues raised in this proceeding on a national basis. Accordingly, UP requests that the proceeding be dismissed. The dismissal would be without prejudice to any party subsequently raising the underlying issues in an individual proceeding.

Very truly yours,

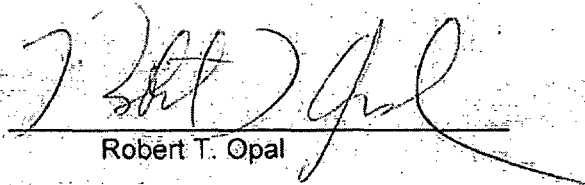
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cc: Parties listed in Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties to this proceeding as shown on the attached service list.

Dated and Omaha, Nebraska this 19th day of December, 2006.


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