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VIA Federal Express

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

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NOR-42082



Re: Martin Gas Sales, Inc. — Petition for Declaratory Order – Certain Rates
and Practices of Union Pacific Railroad Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

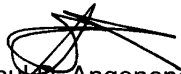
By Decision dated November 10, 2003 the Board directed the captioned matter to be handled under the modified procedure, with Martin Gas Sales, Inc. ("Martin") Opening Statement due, after two extensions, on March 29, 2004.

On behalf of Martin, this is to respectfully request a 30-day extension of the filing date for the Opening Statement to April 28, 2004. The extension hereby requested is necessitated by the fact that the parties have reached a settlement in principle, and are in the process of formalizing the settlement, which likely will take several weeks to finalize and have executed by the parties.

I have been authorized by counsel for UP, Robert Opal, to state that UP does not oppose the requested extension.

Ten copies accompany the original of this requested extension. All parties of record are being served. An extra copy of this letter and the petition are enclosed for your file-stamp and return in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours,


Paul D. Angenend

PDA/sdj

c: Charles Clark

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify this 19th day of March 2004 that a copy of the foregoing extension request has been served via United States First Class Mail, on Robert T. Opal, General Commerce Counsel, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0001.



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