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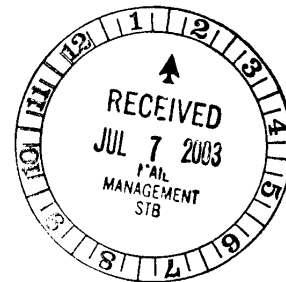
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW (7th fl.)
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Dear Secretary Williams:

This refers to STB Docket No. AB-573X, Trinidad Railway, Inc.-Abandonment Exemption and Discontinuance-In Las Animas County, CO, and to the Decision of the Board, served October 20, 2000.

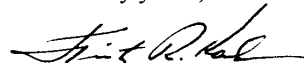
As Mr. John Doane, Assistant Vice President of Kern Valley Railroad, successor in interest to Trinidad Railway, Inc., advised the Section of Environmental Analysis by his letter dated June 16, 2003, the several agencies on whose behalf environmental conditions were imposed have been satisfied and no longer have any concerns about the abandonment.

On behalf of Kern Valley Railroad Company, I respectfully ask that the environmental conditions be vacated and that the abandonment be allowed to be consummated.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed to permit your circulation of it. An additional copy is enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of it and to return to me via the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope.

I certify that I have served a copy of this letter upon each of the parties.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

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cc: Mr. John Doane