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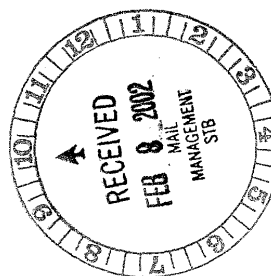
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February 7, 2002

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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



Re: **STB Docket No. AB-573X**, *Trinidad Railway, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – in Las Animas County, CO* 204715

STB Finance Docket No. 34087, *Trinidad Railway, Inc. – Lease and Operation Exemption – Kern Valley Railroad Company* 204716

STB Finance Docket No. 33956, *Kern Valley Railroad Company – Lease and Operation Exemption – Trinidad Railway, Inc.* 204717

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1103.4, the undersigned practitioners hereby make their initial appearance as counsel for Rail Ventures, Inc. in the above-referenced proceedings (the "Proceedings"). The practitioners are authorized to represent Rail Ventures, Inc. before the Surface Transportation Board pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1103.2.

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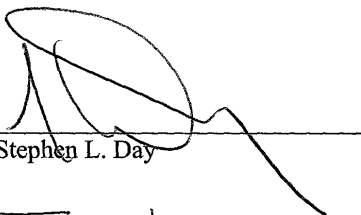
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This notice of appearance follows the withdrawal of counsel dated February 6, 2002, and filed previously in the Proceedings. Please direct all future pleadings or papers in the Proceedings to be served upon Rail Ventures, Inc., to the undersigned counsel.

The original and ten (10) copies of this notice, one additional copy of this notice marked "COPY," a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and a Certificate of Service are enclosed. If you could direct someone in your office to send us the additional copy with a "received" stamp, or some other stamp of similar designation, affixed, in the enclosed envelope, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call us with any questions or concerns ((206) 292-9988).

Respectfully submitted,



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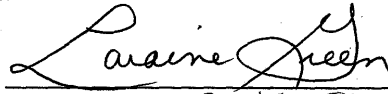
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I certify that I have this day served copies of the Initial Notice of Appearance of Stephen L. Day and Taro Kusunose on behalf Rail Ventures, Inc. upon all parties of records in this proceeding, by overnight mail.

DATED this 7th day of February, 2002.


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(49 C.F.R. § 1104.12; 49 U.S.C. 10321; 5 U.S.C. 553)