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Attention: Victoria Rutson

**RE: Docket No. AB-33(Sub-No.217X), Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Abandonment Exemption - - In Monterey County, CA
(Spreckels Industrial Lead)**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the original and ten (10) copies of a Combined Environmental and Historic Report prepared pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1105.7 and §1105.8, with a Certificate of Service, and a transmittal letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1105.11.

Union Pacific anticipates filing a Petition for Exemption in this matter on or after May 25, 2004.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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(if applicable):**

California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street
Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Head of each County:

Monterey County Supervisors
24 Church Street
County Courthouse
Salinas, CA 93901-2695

Environmental Protection Agency

(Regional Office):

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

U.S. Fish and Wildlife:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 1
911 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232-4181

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National Park Service:

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Re: **Proposed Abandonment of the Spreckels Industrial Lead from M. P. 121.5 near Spreckels Junction to M. P. 123.12 at the end of the line at Spreckels, a distance of 1.62 miles in Monterey County, California; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 217X)**

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Dear Sirs:

On or after May 25, 2004, we expect to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) a Notice of Exemption to abandon and discontinue operations over the Spreckels Industrial Lead from M. P. 121.5 near Spreckels Junction to M. P. 123.12 at the end of the line at Spreckels, a distance of 1.62 miles in Monterey County, California (the "Line"). The Line traverses U. S. Postal Service Zip Code 93962. Attached is a Combined Environmental and Historic Report which describes the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

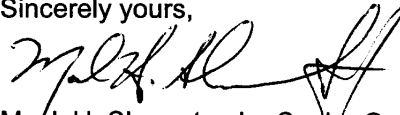
We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at the following address, and refer to the above-referenced Docket Numbers:

Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA)
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001
Telephone (202) 565-1545

Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to our representative) would be appreciated within three weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact our representative directly at the address and telephone number indicated below.

Sincerely yours,



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