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BY HAND AND FAX

January 27, 2006

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

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34802, Petition of Pyco Industries, Inc., for Alternative Rail Service over the tracks and facilities of South Plains Switching Ltd.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of my client, West Texas & Lubbock Railway Co., Inc. ("WTL") in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

Yesterday the Board served an order granting the request by PYCO Industries, Inc. ("PYCO"), for interim alternative rail service by WTL over lines of the South Plains Switching Ltd. ("SAW") to serve PYCO for the 30 day period effective at 11:59PM on January 26, 2006. In its decision (at page 8) the Board stated that both SAW and WTL will be required to report to the Board "that the required protocols are in place."

After receiving and reading the Board's order, WTL and its counsel contacted SAW's counsel Tom McFarland to hold a conference with SAW representatives and counsel to put those protocols in place. Mr. McFarland reported back that he had contacted his client, that SAW would not participate in any conference call, and that SAW would only agree to give WTL a five hour (9AM-2PM) Monday-Friday only "operating window" in which to conduct operations. After WTL diligently negotiated with SAW's counsel emphasizing the need for a 12 hour per day, 7 days per week, "window" to work off the backlog of PYCO traffic, SAW refused WTL's

request. Accordingly, WTL must now advise the Board that such protocol "negotiations" are at an impasse and WTL needs the Board's assistance in establishing a 12 hour per day, 7 days per week, operating protocol. In view of PYCO's urgent need for service, WTL respectfully seeks expeditious consideration of its request.

There is one other matter requiring Board clarification. While the decision at page 8 states that "both SAW and WTL will be required to report to the Board," ordering paragraph #3 on the same page refers to PYCO and SAW as the parties to enter into operating protocols and report back to the Board. Accordingly, WTL asks the Board to clarify that it is to WTL, not PYCO, to whom the Board refers.

Please date stamp and return two copies of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.D. Heffner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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