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RE: Proposed Abandonment of the McHenry Industrial Lead, from Milepost 21.25 Milepost 26.43 in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, California—STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 278X)

Dear Sir or Madame:

On or after June 8, 2009, Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board a notice of exemption for abandonment a line of railroad known as the McHenry Industrial Lead, located in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, California, extending from Milepost 21.25 near Escalon to Milepost 26.43 near McHenry. Attached is a combined Environmental and Historic Report describing the proposed action and its expected environmental and historic effects, which includes 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), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, D. C. 20024, telephone 202-245-0245 and refer to the above Docket No. AB-33 (Sub No. 278X). Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to this SEA (with a copy to our representative) would be appreciated within 3 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. Our representative in this matter is Gabriel S. Meyer who may be contacted by telephone at 402 544-1658 or by mail at Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1580, Omaha, NE, 68179.

Sincerely,



Gabriel S. Meyer

Enclosure