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Ms. Brown,

As one who will be directly affected by the restart of rail traffic, I wholeheartedly ask that you object to this notice of Exemption and urge the STB to reject the Notice. The proposed service at issue is not of limited scope. CMP and its parent company, Rio Grande Pacific Corp. (RGP), aim to restart rail traffic on a rail line that has been dormant for almost 25 years, posing new and significant impacts to the region's communities, economies, environment, health, and quality of life. Exemptions are not appropriate in this case, given the broad scope of activities that would be authorized and the potential impacts.

The CMP claims that it will not affect the quality of life which could not be further from the truth! Noise levels will affect the entire valley as well as air, and potentially water, pollution. Outdoor recreation is the biggest driver of our local economy and the natural environment depends upon quality.

An environmental review MUST be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which should include wetlands, water quality, fish, wildlife and impacts to public lands (i.e Browns Canyon National Monument), noise impacts, socioeconomic impacts and climate impacts.

Please provide MORE time for all interested parties to submit additional information to guide the STB review. This community and valley depend upon recreation which would be detrimentally affected by the restart of rail traffic. Many would consider relocating from this valley altogether and tourism would most definitely decline due to the quality of outdoor spaces being degraded.

Thank you for your time, attention and consideration.

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