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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 36609, *Foster Poultry Farms – Ex Parte*
Petition for Emergency Service Order

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Foster Poultry Farms (“Foster Farms”) to provide the Surface Transportation Board with an update of the Union Pacific Railroad Company’s (“UP”) service to Foster Farms’ Traver and Turlock facilities subsequent to the Board’s issuance of the Emergency Service Order in this proceeding on June 17, 2022. After only delivering one unit train between the date of the order and June 21, which left Foster Farms at a deficit for corn and operating at less than full capacity, UP delivered four unit trains between June 21 and June 28. These trains included Foster Farms’ trains F11, F12, and F15, as well as an additional unit train that UP indicated in its Response to the *Ex Parte* Petition for Emergency Service Order it would put into service.

The result of these deliveries has been that the stocks of corn at the Traver and Turlock facilities have nearly been built back up and Foster Farms’ ability to feed its own livestock while meeting its obligations to its customers has been restored in the short term. Foster Farms expects to receive three additional trains between the date of this letter and July 1, 2022. If that occurs, then Foster Farms will no longer need the additional unit train put into service by UP provided that UP can continue to deliver Foster Farms’ four unit trains on the eight to ten day cycle time that has been the typical service level for these facilities.

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In summary, Foster Farms is satisfied with UP's response to the Emergency Service Order to date, and it again thanks the Board for its prompt attention to this matter. However, Foster Farms strongly believes that the order should remain in place and that the Board should continue to monitor the situation for at least the 30-day initial period under 49 U.S.C. §11123. As Foster Farms' explained in its *Ex Parte* Petition the consumption rates of the millions of chickens, turkeys and dairy cattle supplied by Foster Farms can result in its facilities being in an emergency status in a matter of days should UP's service falter again.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. I certify that I have served this letter on counsel for UP and the other parties listed below.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Wilcox

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