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

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34030 — *Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. –
Acquisition Exemption – Central Kansas Railway, LLC*

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter follows the filing on November 27, 2024 in the referenced docket of a Petition to Reopen and Partially Revoke Exemption and a Motion for Disclosure of Lease with Interchange Commitments, both filed on behalf of Weskan Grain LLC (“Weskan”). First, the undersigned counsel for Weskan provides clarification that the original Verified Notice of Exemption was filed by Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. in 2001, and that railroad entity was later acquired by Watco Companies, Inc., which converted the railroad to a limited liability company in 2010.¹ Consequently, counsel clarifies that the discussion of and references to “K&O” in the Petition and Motion refer to both iterations of the railroad, but primarily the Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, LLC.

Second, the official service list for the referenced docket contained one entry, and that party did not file the original notice of exemption 23 years ago. In order to facilitate K&O’s timely receipt of the pleadings on November 27, in particular the Motion given its short time frame for response, counsel served a copy of the pleadings by email on a K&O business representative known to be involved in this dispute.² In the absence of an identified counsel of record for K&O,

¹ Docket No. FD 35439, *Watco Holdings, Inc., Watco Companies, Inc., and Watco Transportation Services, Inc. – Corporate Family Transaction Exemption* (served November 10, 2010).

² Counsel also served counsel for Union Pacific Railroad Company, who is also receiving a copy of this letter.

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counsel for Weskan today is supplementing that service by emailing courtesy copies of this letter and the filed pleadings to the attorney who filed the original notice of exemption in 2001 and the General Counsel of the Watco Companies, Inc.³

Respectfully submitted,



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³ For completeness copies are also being emailed to the lone entry on the official service list created in 2001 (see attached Certificate of Service).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 2nd of December, 2024, a copy of the foregoing Letter, and the Petition to Reopen and Partially Revoke Exemption and Motion for Disclosure of Lease Containing Interchange Commitments filed in this docket were served by electronic mail on the Party of Record on the service list for Docket No. FD 34030.

/ss/ Thomas W. Wilcox
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