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Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, SW Washington, DC 20423

RE: Opposition to Union Pacific's Proposed Lease of Eugene Yard to CORP

Rober Primus and Esteem Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

Hi, my name is Stetson Horton I have worked for Union Pacific for 19 years. I am writing you today to ask that the Surface Transportation board does not allow the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad to take over the Eugene Train Yard. As a railroader in Eugene, I have seen the Corp take a line and not maintain the upkeep of it and abandon its customers at a drop of a hat. They gave their customers only one day notice that service was going to end.

I am aware the Service Transportation board is here for the customers/industries, I cannot fathom how the Transportation Board could allow this business transaction to go any further. With clear evidence of how the CORP runs their own businesses, it is very evident that customers/industries are not priority for them.

We as a Class one Railroad with generations and years of experience have the means and knowledge of being able to service our customers daily if Union Pacific allows us to. These customers need Union Pacific and it's trained employees not only for service but for **safety** as well,

Safety is of high priority for the Eugene District Railroad Workers. There are different hazardous materials that we run through Eugene. Having a class 3 railroad service them is undoubtably not a wise nor safe practice for the customer nor the public. I have first handedly seen many times that other or lower-class railroads put safety aside or do not have the experience and knowledge behind the rules of the rail, therefore they are unaware of safety rules. I hope you do the right thing and review what the CORPS track record signifies on how they do not service their customers and the lack of concern that they have when it comes to following safety rules and ensuring that their employees/customers/and the general public remain safe. Their employees do not have nearly as much experience nor seniority as the employees within the Union Pacific Eugene District. I hope that everyone on this board takes our voices seriously because in many ways it could be a matter of life or death in several instances when it comes to untrained and inexperienced workers on safety and rules of the rail.

Sincerely,

Stetson Horton

cc: Parties of Record