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

Robert Primus and Esteem Members of the Surface Transportation Board

Hello. My name is Pete Petersen. I'm a railroader out at the Eugene Yard. For the past 19 years I've worked as a Switchman, Conductor, and currently a Locomotive Engineer. I can't begin to tell you that it has the honor of my life to serve my community as a railroader. As most of you know, a shakeup was recently announced.

This recent change of events has made me nervous. The highly skilled labor that currently services the Eugene Yard. May in the coming weeks vanish and give way to potentially less qualified individuals.

Currently we on the Union Pacific operate under Class 1 railroad rules. The replacement company is a class 3 railroad. I don't know all the details. However, I can assure you that the same standards we have on our class 1. Many of which do not exist on a class 3. I can't speak to the skill level of the folks potentially coming in. What I can tell you is that the same standards that have kept the community safe. May very well be in jeopardy.

When I first hired out, I saw a Class 3 railroad abandon the Coos Bay line. I saw the fallout. I saw businesses on that line go under. I saw what it took to rebuild. And still to this day. That line is still recovering. From what I saw. It seems that lax safety, standards, and maintenance by the class 3 operating that line. Ultimately it led to them abandoning the line and leaving the customer base in a horrible position. Now the same class 3 wants the Eugene Yard.

I fear for the community surrounding the Eugene Yard. With what happened on the Coos Bay line. Can we really trust this Class 3? Lax safety, standards, and

maintenance can put our community in serious jeopardy.

I also worry for the customers we serve. Some of these small shippers can't afford to go to trucks if rail service stopped.

I love being a Locomotive Engineer for Union Pacific. This 19-year relationship I've had working with Union Pacific Railroad has been very rewarding. Being able to work in my community has been an Honor.

I hope people will stand on the side of safety, standards, and service. The skilled labor that we have in place now is our best bet for all three.

Thank You
Pete Petersen

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