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VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: STB Docket No. FD 36818
Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc.
-Lease and Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment-
Union Pacific Railroad Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket are customer letters in support of Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc.'s transaction to lease and operate the subject lines of railroad of Union Pacific Railroad Company and asking that the Board act quickly to allow the transaction to proceed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Justin J. Marks'.

Justin J. Marks
Counsel for Central Oregon & Pacific
Railroad, Inc.

Enclosure
cc: All Parties of Record



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Dear Ms. Brown:

My name is Chris Mastrup, I am the Compliance Manager with Blue Star Gas. I am writing in support of Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. (CORP) for CORP to lease and operate the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) rail lines in Eugene, OR. I am also writing to ask the Board to please act quickly to allow CORP to begin operations on the rail lines as soon as possible.

Blue Star Gas believes that CORP's operations of the UP-rail lines will greatly benefit us because CORP's customer service track record and its focus on providing outstanding local service will allow CORP to be responsive to our specific transportation needs.

For this reason, I respectfully request that the Board allow the CORP Notice of Exemption to become effective as soon as possible so that CORP may begin providing service to our Eugene facility and eliminate any potential harm to our business that might arise from an extended delay.

Respectfully,

Chris Mastrup

Chris Mastrup
Compliance Manager
Blue Star Gas

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Dear Ms. Brown:

My name is Gary Panknin, I am the Supply Chain Manager with PakTech. I am writing in support of Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. (CORP) for CORP to lease and operate the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) rail lines in Eugene, OR. I am also writing to ask the Board to please act quickly to allow CORP to begin operations on the rail lines as soon as possible.

PakTech believes that CORP's operations of the UP-rail lines will greatly benefit us because CORP's customer service track record and its focus on providing outstanding local service will allow CORP to be responsive to our specific transportation needs.

For this reason, I respectfully request that the Board allow the CORP Notice of Exemption to become effective as soon as possible so that CORP may begin providing service to our Eugene facility.

Respectfully,



Gary Panknin
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Re: STB Docket No. FD 36818

Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, INC.

-Lease and Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment-

Union Pacific Railroad Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

My name is Mike Hillestad, I am the President with M&P Reload and Warehousing Inc. I am writing in support of Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. (CORP) to lease and operate the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) rail lines in Eugene, OR. I am also writing to ask the Board to please act quickly to allow CORP to begin operations on the rail lines as soon as possible.

M&P Reload and Warehousing Inc. believes that CORP's operations of lines will greatly benefit us because CORP's customer service track record and its focus on providing outstanding local service will allow CORP to be responsive to our specific transportation needs.

For this reason, I respectfully request that the Board allow the CORP Notice of Exemption to become effective as soon as possible so that CORP may begin providing service to our Eugene facility and eliminate any potential harm to our business that might arise from as extended delay.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hillestad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Dear Ms. Brown:

My name is Greg Bess, I am the Sales Manager/Springfield Plywood with Swanson Group MFG. I am writing in support of Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad, Inc. (CORP) for CORP to lease and operate the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) rail lines in Eugene, OR. I am also writing to ask the Board to please act quickly to allow CORP to begin operations on the rail lines as soon as possible.

Swanson Group MFG believes that CORP's operations of the UP-rail lines will greatly benefit us because CORP's customer service track record and its focus on providing outstanding local service will allow CORP to be responsive to our specific transportation needs.

For this reason, I respectfully request that the Board allow the CORP Notice of Exemption to become effective as soon as possible so that CORP may begin providing service to our Eugene facility and eliminate any potential harm to our business that might arise from an extended delay.

Respectfully,

Gregory A Bess
Sales Manager
Swanson Group MFG

