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VIA E-FILING

Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: Saratoga Railroad, LLC – Abandonment Exemption –In Carbon County,
Wyoming, AB 1343X

Dear Ms. Brown:

On January 13, 2025, Saratoga Railroad, LLC (“Saratoga”) filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances to abandon an approximately 23.71-mile rail line extending from Walcott, WY (M.P. 0.57) to Saratoga, WY (M.P. 24.28) in Carbon County, Wyoming (the “Line”). Notice of the Exemption (“Notice”) was served and published in the Federal Register on January 31, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 8733). After the publication of the Notice, the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”), in a decision served on February 7, 2025,¹ imposed a S106 condition recommended by OEA. On February 25, 2025, Saratoga provided OEA a letter from the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”) dated February 24, 2025, indicating that the SHPO had reviewed the project and found that the proposed abandonment project is in an area previously surveyed and that the Saratoga Railroad was determined to not be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Wyoming SHPO, however, recommended that the Surface Transportation Board incorporate a cultural materials stipulation into its environmental assessment.

On February 28, 2025, the Board issued a decision removing the S106 condition but incorporating the stipulation recommended by the Wyoming SHPO as an unanticipated

¹ The Office of Environmental Analysis (“OEA”) recommended a condition requiring the railroad to retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties, including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. § 306108 (“Section 106 condition”) had been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

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discoveries condition. In addition, the Board's decision reopened the proceeding allowing the exemption to take effect on the original scheduled date of March 2, 2025.

In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2) and the Board's January 31, 2025, February 7, 2025, and February 28, 2025, decisions, Saratoga hereby advises the Board that it has exercised the authority granted to it and has fully consummated abandonment of the Line. Should you have any questions concerning this notice of consummation, please contact me, Saratoga's representative, directly, either by telephone: 202-663-7823 or by e-mail: wmullins@mullinslawgroup.net. If I am unavailable, you may contact Spencer M. Naake, who can be reached at (202) 663-78230 or by e-mail at snaake@mullinslawgroup.net.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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Wyoming Department of Transportation