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Good afternoon, Danielle.

As discussed earlier this month, please see the attached letter requesting a waiver of the six-month pre-filing requirement and requesting permission to retain an independent third-party consultant. Please let me know if you have any addition questions, thank you.

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April 25, 2025

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Re: Union Pacific Railroad Company -- Construction and Operation Exemption -- in Matagorda County, TX
FD 36854

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Thank you to both you and your staff for taking the time earlier this month to meet with Union Pacific and discuss our proposed rail line construction project.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(c)(2), Union Pacific respectfully requests a waiver of the six-month pre-filing notice required by the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(a)(1). Union Pacific met with Board staff on April 8, 2025, and provided Board staff with preliminary information about the proposed construction project near Wadsworth, Texas. Here, the waiver of the six-month notice is appropriate because the project will be limited in scope and significant environmental issues are not anticipated.

As Union Pacific has communicated to OEA staff, the purpose of this planned construction is to connect an existing facility with Union Pacific's network. The proposed project will strengthen the facility's position in the region and further support the local economy and employees. Union Pacific proposes to construct a five-mile rail line that will provide service to the facility, with the option to consider additional rail opportunities along the constructed line. Union Pacific has been engaged in preliminary discussion with local elected officials, private landowners, and other related agencies. In these initial discussions, Union Pacific has been receiving positive feedback on the project.

Union Pacific will most likely file a petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10901 to permit it to construct and operate the line. While the date of this filing is uncertain it will most likely be within 6 months, provided this waiver request is granted.

Union Pacific also requests approval under 49 CFR 1105.10(d) and 40 C.F.R. 1506.5 to retain Jacobs as an independent third-party consultant to prepare the appropriate environmental document on behalf of the Board in connection with this proceeding.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tanya Spratt

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