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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of Case Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-1344 – *Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad LLC -
Abandonment Exemption – In Rio Grande County, Colorado*

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is submitted to notify the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) that Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad LLC (“CXRG”) has decided to withdraw its Verified Notice of Exemption (“Notice”) submitted in this proceeding on July 22, 2025. CXRG therefore respectfully asks the Board to permit such withdrawal. As for the reasons for this request, subsequent to filing its Notice, CXRG became aware of local opposition to abandonment of the 26.5-mile segment of its Alamosa Subdivision at issue for a variety of reasons. In addition, other complicating issues arose during the Offer of Financial Assistance process, which was in its early stages. Such issues include past transactions regarding the property underlying the railroad right-of-way - some of which were not fully known to CXRG when it acquired the line in 2023 - that have complicated the ability to accurately estimate the property’s value for purposes of conveying the railroad line to a potential purchaser.

For these and other reasons, while CXRG remains doubtful that viable requests for common carrier railroad freight service over the subject segment will be forthcoming in the indefinite future, CXRG has nevertheless decided to retain ownership of the line and reevaluate its plans for it longer term, which could eventually include reinstating common carrier freight service.

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CXRG therefore requests the Board to expeditiously grant this request, consistent with prior precedent holding that because rail carriers are not compelled to abandon lines, the Board normally grants a carrier's motion to withdraw its request for abandonment authority. *Docket No. AB-996X, Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Schuylkill County, PA* (served February 5, 2008); *Docket No. AB-290, Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Bergen County, NJ* (Served May 14, 2008), *citing, Almono LP–Abandonment Exemption–In Allegheny County, PA*, *Docket No. AB-842X* (served Jan. 28, 2004).

Finally, by email dated October 15, 2025, CXRG notified Mr. Mathew Hayduk, who submitted a Notice of Intent to Submit an Offer of Financial Assistance, of CXRG's plans to file this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas W. Wilcox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas W. Wilcox
*Attorney for Colorado Pacific Rio Grande
Railroad LLC*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 23rd day of October, 2025, a copy of the foregoing Letter was served on all parties of record on the official service list for Docket No. AB-1344.

/ss/ Thomas W. Wilcox
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