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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. NOR 42159**
Central Valley Ag Grinding, Inc. and Central Valley
AG Transport Inc. vs. Modesto and Empire Traction Company

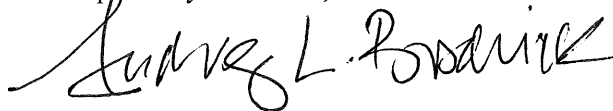
Dear Ms. Brown:

On May 1, 2018, Central Valley Ag Grinding, Inc., and Central Valley AG Transport Inc. (collectively referred to herein as "CVAG") filed among other things in the aforementioned docket an Unreasonable Practice Complaint (the "Complaint") against Modesto and Empire Traction Company ("MET"). 49 C.F.R. § 1111.4 (c) provides that MET's answer to the Complaint would be due on May 21, 2018, unless the Board provides additional time.

By way of this letter filing, MET respectfully requests an additional ten (10) days – until May 31, 2018 – to file an answer to the Complaint. MET has conferred with counsel for CVAG regarding this extension, and MET understands that it is permitted to advise the Board that CVAG does not object to a 10-day extension of the answer deadline.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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