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Re: STB Docket No. AB 857 (Sub-No. 1X), Great Western Railway  
of Colorado, LLC –Abandonment Exemption – In Weld County

Dear Ms. Brown

Great Western Railway of Colorado, LLC ("GWRC") hereby respectfully requests an additional one year extension of the deadline for consummating the abandonment in this proceeding.

GWRC's notice of exemption in this proceeding became effective on June 5, 2008. By decision served June 10, 2009, the Board extended the time for GWRC to exercise the abandonment authority until May 6, 2010. By decision served May 3, 2010, the Board again extended the time for GWRC to exercise the abandonment authority until May 6, 2011. By decision served May 5, 2011, the Board again extended the time for GWRC to exercise the abandonment authority until May 6, 2012.



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GWRC is continuing to explore alternative options to consummating the abandonment of the rail line, including various public uses of the corridor. Consequently, GWRC respectfully requests the Board to extend the consummation deadline for one additional year from its current expiration date.

Sincerely,

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

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