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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Re: Finance Docket No. 36217, *San Pedro Valley Railroad, LLC -- Operation
Exemption -- San Pedro Valley Holdings, LLC in Cochise County, AZ*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Hereby transmitted is the original and 10 copies of a Verified Notice Of Exemption
Under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31 for filing with the Board in the above referenced matter.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$2,000 for the filing fee.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. McFarland
Attorney for Applicant

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

SAN PEDRO VALLEY RAILROAD, LLC)
-- OPERATION EXEMPTION -- SAN) FINANCE DOCKET
PEDRO VALLEY HOLDINGS, LLC IN) NO. 36217
COCHISE COUNTY, AZ)

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
UNDER 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31**

SAN PEDRO VALLEY RAILROAD, LLC
1575 North Green Mount Road, Suite 300
P.O. Box 99
O'Fallon, IL 62269

Applicant

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**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
UNDER 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31**

Pursuant to the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31, et seq., SAN PEDRO VALLEY RAILROAD, LLC (SPVR), a noncarrier, hereby provides notice of its class exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10901 for its operation of two rail lines being acquired by its affiliate, San Pedro Valley Holdings, LLC (SPVH), in Finance Docket No. 36216, i.e., (1) from point of connection to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) at Milepost No. 1033.25 at or near Benson, AZ and the end of track at Milepost No. 1040.15 at or near St. David, AZ, a distance of 6.9 miles in Cochise County, AZ; and (2) from point of connection to UP at Milepost No. 1074 at or near Willcox, AZ to all tracks at Willcox Yard, a total of 8,281 feet or 1.57 miles in Cochise County, AZ. The Rail Lines total approximately 8.47 miles.

This Notice of Exemption is related to Finance Docket No. 36219, being filed simultaneously, wherein an SPVR affiliate, Ironhorse Resources, Inc. (IHR), is providing notice of its class exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 11323 for its continuance in control of SPVR when SPVR becomes a rail carrier in this Docket.

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43

(a) The full name and address of the applicant;

Applicant is SAN PEDRO VALLEY RAILROAD, LLC (SPVR), 1575 North Green Mount Road, Suite 300, P.O. Box 99, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the representative of the applicant who should receive correspondence;

Applicant's representative is Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C. 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1666, Chicago, IL 60604-1228, ph (312) 236-0204, mcfarland@aol.com.

(c) A statement that an agreement has been reached or details about when an agreement will be reached;

An agreement has been reached between SPVR and SPVH for SPVR to operate the Rail Lines.

(d) The operator of the property;

The operator of the property will be SPVR.

(e) A brief summary of the proposed transaction, including:

(1) The name and address of the railroad transferring the subject operating authority,

The entity making the Rail Lines available for operation by SPVR is SPVH, 1575 North Green Mount Road, Suite 300, P.O. Box 99, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

(2) The proposed time schedule for consummation of the transaction,

The transaction will be consummated no sooner than the 30th day after filing of this notice.

(3) The mile-posts of the subject property, including any branch lines, and

The Rail Lines extend (1) from point of connection to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) at Milepost No. 1033.25 at or near Benson, AZ and the end of track at Milepost No. 1040.15 at or near St. David, AZ, a distance of 6.9 miles in Cochise County, AZ; and (2) from point of connection to UP at Milepost No. 1074 at or near Willcox, AZ to all tracks at Willcox Yard, a distance of 8,281 feet or 1.57 miles in Cochise County, AZ.

(4) The total route miles being operated;

A total of approximately 8.47 miles of rail line will be operated.

(f) A map that clearly indicates the area to be served, including origins, termini, stations, cities, counties, and States; and

Attached to this notice as Appendix 1 are maps on which the Rail Lines are depicted.

(g) A certificate that applicant's projected revenues do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III carrier.

Attached to this notice as Appendix 2 is a verification that SPVR's projected revenues do not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier.

VERIFICATION

The verification attached to this notice as Appendix 2 includes a verification of all facts contained in this notice.

REVENUES LESS THAN \$5 MILLION PER YEAR

The verification attached as Appendix 2 includes a verification that the projected revenues of SPVR will not exceed \$5 million per year.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(2), no environmental documentation or report is required for the proposed transaction. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(b)(2), no historic documentation or report is required for the proposed transaction.

LABOR PROTECTION

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10902(d), no labor protection is required for the proposed transaction.

CAPTION SUMMARY

Attached to this notice as Appendix 3 is a caption summary required by 49 C.F.R. § 1150.34.

LAND GRANT RIGHT-OF-WAY

Applicant is not aware of any land grant right-of-way in the Rail Line.

NO INTERCHANGE COMMITMENTS

The proposed transaction does not involve any interchange commitments.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Board should publish notice of the exemption in the *Federal Register* within 16 days of its filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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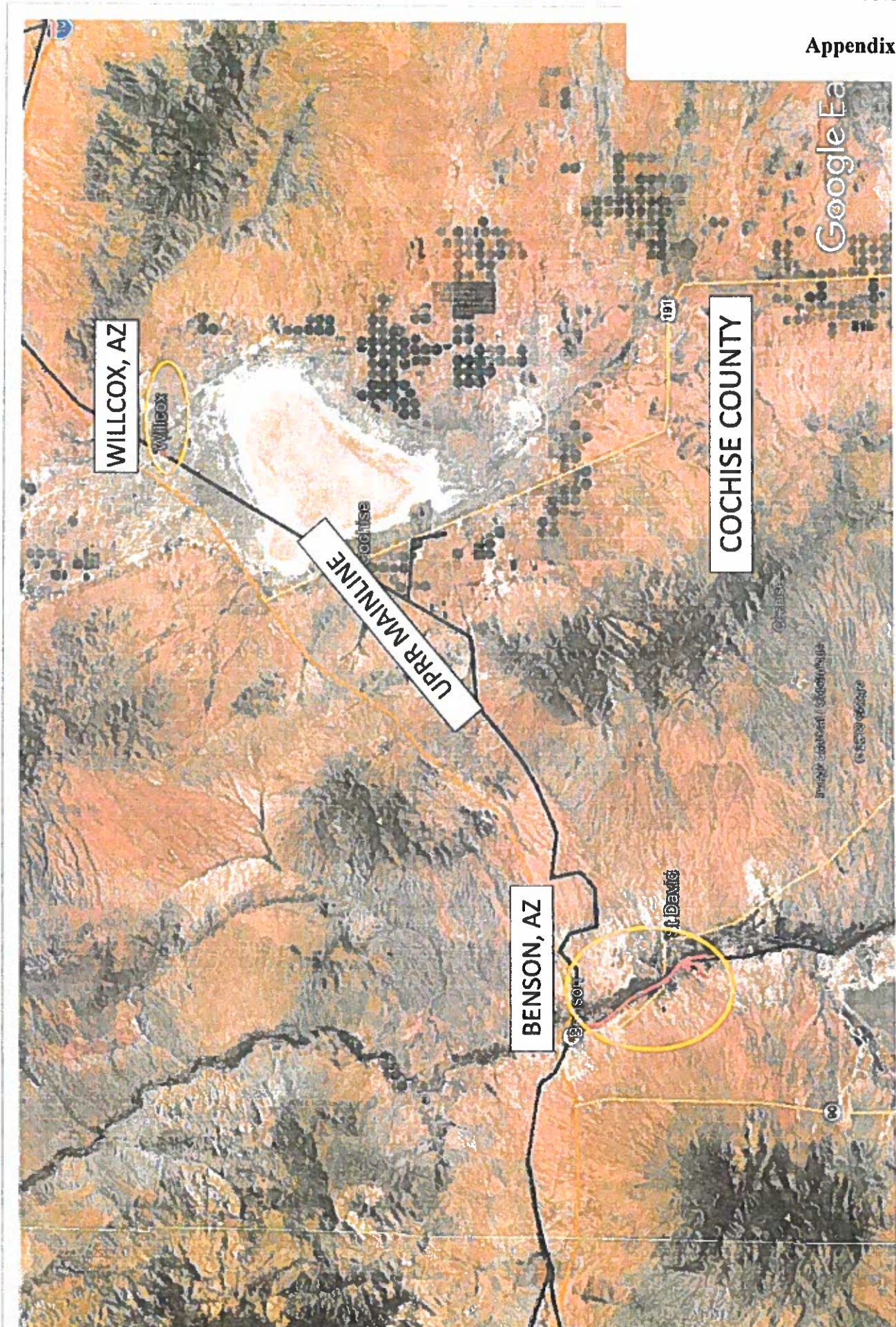
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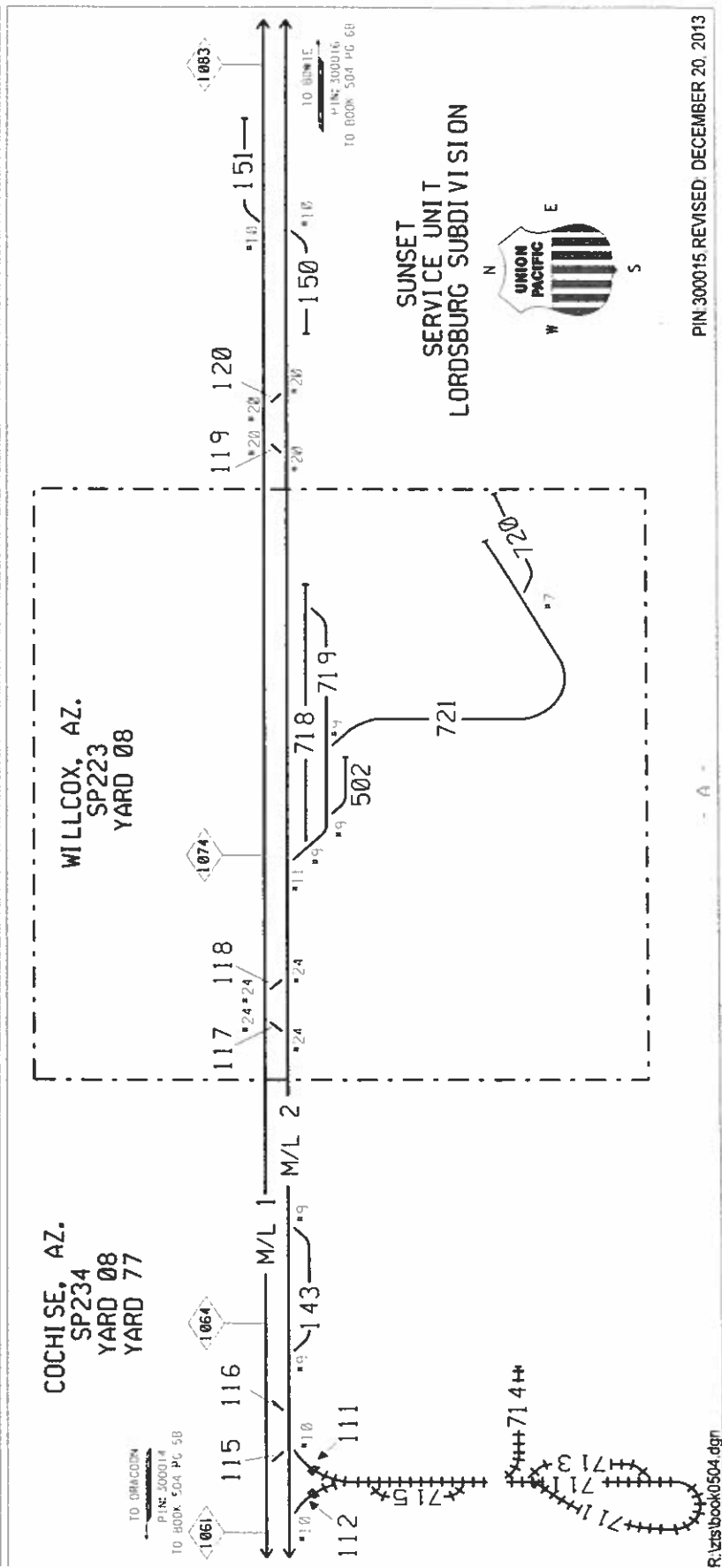
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VERIFICATION

MATTHEW CUNDIFF, being duly sworn, states that he is an authorized representative of San Pedro Valley Railroad, LLC (SPVR); that he has read the foregoing Notice of Exemption; that the projected annual revenue of the rail lines being acquired by SPVR does not exceed \$5 million; that SPVR's projected revenues as a result of the proposed acquisition will not result in the creation of a Class I or Class II rail carrier; that the proposed acquisition does not involve any interchange commitment as defined in 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(h); and that all allegations of fact contained in SPVR's Notice of Exemption are true and correct.


MATTHEW CUNDIFF

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR)

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me
this 29th day of August, 2018.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 10-6-2020



CAPTION SUMMARY

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

(Finance Docket No. 36217)

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This notice of exemption is filed under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.31. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

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By the Board