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AND MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY--CONTROL AND MERGER--
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAIL CORPORATION, SOUTHERN PACIFIC
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY
COMPANY, SPCSL CORP. AND THE DENVER AND RIO GRANDE
WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

February 11, 1998

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) today has issued the Final Mitigation Plan (FMP) for Reno, NV.

The FMP was prepared by SEA as part of the ongoing Reno Mitigation Study ordered by the Board as a condition of its August 12, 1996 approval of the Union Pacific/Southern Pacific (UP/SP) merger. The FMP contains SEA's proposed recommendations at this time for mitigating the potential environmental effects of increased train traffic through Reno as a result of the UP/SP merger (beyond the environmental mitigation already imposed by the Board in its August 1996 decision). The FMP also contains comments from over 530 commenters on the Preliminary Mitigation Plan (released in September 1997), SEA's responses to those comments, and additional technical analysis conducted by SEA.

SEA invites public review and comment on the FMP during a 30-day review period, which will end on March 12, 1998. Copies of the FMP have been distributed to interested parties, and are also available at the Reno and Sparks branches of the Washoe County Public Library.

SEA will consider all timely comments on the FMP before making final recommendations to the Board. After full consideration of the PMP, the FMP, all public comments, and SEA's final recommendations, the Board will issue a final decision imposing additional specific mitigation measures for Reno and Washoe County that it deems to be appropriate.

Individuals who wish to file a comment may submit one original; government agencies and businesses are asked to submit an

original plus 10 copies. Public comments should be submitted in writing to the address listed below no later than March 12, 1998 to considered:

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