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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W., Room #100
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 339X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific hereby requests an extension of the deadline to file a notice of consummation in the above-referenced docket pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(e)(2). As provided in the decision served on July 8, 2019, the current deadline for Union Pacific to file a notice of consummation is July 8, 2020. Union Pacific requests this deadline be extended to July 8, 2022.

Under an agreement between Union Pacific and the Texas Department of Transportation ("TXDOT"), TXDOT will be responsible for removal of the Cedar Bayou Bridge located on the line. TXDOT requested that Union Pacific seek this extension to allow TXDOT additional time to remove the bridge. TXDOT will likely not be able to complete removal of the bridge prior to July 8, 2020.¹ There is a concern that physical access to the bridge will be more difficult if Union Pacific consummates this abandonment because property rights on the line may revert to other landowners. Granting this extension request will allow Union Pacific to retain its property interests and allow Union Pacific to grant TXDOT access to the bridge to facilitate its removal. For this reason, Union Pacific requests an extension of the deadline to file a notice of consummation in this proceeding until July 8, 2022.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Berman

¹The bridge may not be removed, or any other salvage activities started, until the conditions imposed in the decision served on August 6, 2019 are satisfied. However, none of these conditions appear to constitute a barrier to consummation meaning this extension request is necessary to allow for additional time to remove the bridge.