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**Re: The Los Angeles Junction Railway Company Abandonment of
Maywood, California**

Dear Sir or Madam:

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On August 11, 2005, we filed with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 0.46 miles of railroad line between M.P. 2.21 to M.P. 2.67 in Maywood, California, which traverses through United States Postal ZIP Code 90270 in Los Angeles County, California. Attached are a Environmental and Historic Reports describing the proposed action and any expected environmental or historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Room 504, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, telephone (202) 565-1538 and refer to the above Docket Number. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA, with a copy to our representative, would be appreciated within three weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact our representative directly. Our representative in this matter is Michael Smith who may be contacted by telephone at (312) 360-6724 or by mail at 311 S. Wacker Dr, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6677.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Smith

CC: Rini Ghosh