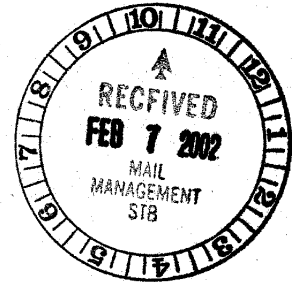


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-573X, *Trinidad Railway, Inc. -- Abandonment Exemption --*
in Las Animas County, CO 204704

STB Finance Docket No. 34087, *Trinidad Railway, Inc. -- Lease and Operation*
Exemption -- Kern Valley Railroad Company 204705

STB Finance Docket No. 33956, *Kern Valley Railroad Company -- Acquisition*
and Operation Exemption -- Trinidad Railway, Inc. 204706

Dear Mr. Williams:

The undersigned hereby withdraws as attorney for Rail Ventures, Inc. in the above proceedings, effective upon the Board's receipt of this communication. I can assure the Board that such withdrawal is appropriate in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1103.18. I understand that Rail Ventures, Inc. has retained another practitioner in this matter.

Ten copies accompany the original of this notice. All parties of record are being served.

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

Thomas F. McFarland

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