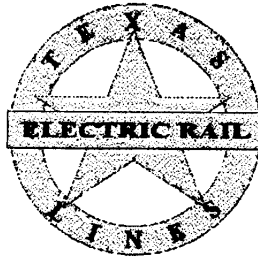


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Monday 8 April 2002

Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Union Pacific Abandonment in Bexar County, Texas, STB Docket Number AB-33 (Sub-No. 162X)

Please consider this an offer of financial assistance; or preferably, an offer to conduct subsidized operations over the line of abandonment, in the above styled abandonment

Over the past few years, I have been inquiring to Union Pacific and to the Secretary of Transportation about use of the above rail line to be abandoned. Union Pacific has not yet filed a consummation notice in that docket. I will be interested in dealing directly with Union Pacific if so provided by this Board. Beyond this, there is the pending appearance of corruption in the apparent turnover of a rail line section that is vital to national defense to a state agency (at taxpayer cost) that may later (apparently as to the motives of certain persons and/or agencies in the Bexar County area) turn such over to a non-profit agency.

I have been told by a real estate manager from Union Pacific (who came down to Texas from UP headquarters and met with me as we surveyed needs) that this stretch of rail is vital to national defense for the United States. The stretch of rail proceeds into Camp Stanley/Camp Bullis --- where tons of bombs are stored. Abandoning and removing the above styled stretch of rail line will have a detrimental impact on the environment; may cause a local disaster (bomb explosions on a busy freeway); will adversely affect noise levels in congested areas; will pose safety problems; and will weaken the national defense of our nation in this time of need for heightened security.

Texas Electric Rail Lines, Inc. proposes to operate and keep the above styled section or rail line open and functioning as a necessary need for economic benefit and for the maintenance of a rail route to maintain our nation's national defense security.

Please consider this an offer of financial assistance; or preferably, an offer to conduct subsidized operations over the line of abandonment, in the above styled abandonment

Sincerely,

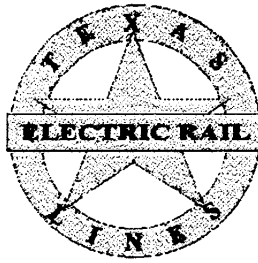
A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Idrogo".

Michael Idrogo, Chairman
Texas ELECTRIC RAIL Lines, Inc.
317 West Rosewood Ave
San Antonio, Texas 78212

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Friday 20 July 2001

Mr. Jerry Wilmoth, Joint Facilities & Pass Oprns
Union Pacific Railroad
1416 Dodge Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68179

Dear Mr. Wilmoth,



The last (approx.) 4 miles on the tail end of the CAMP STANLEY SPUR in Bexar County / San Antonio, Texas is without traffic (and have been so since around the 1950s). When I met with the UP Real Estate Manager, I was told that rail is kept in place due to national security reasons (of keeping a rail line into Camp Stanley / Camp Bullis, Texas).

We wish to arrange to use the last 4 miles, without interference to any UP operations, without connections to any other rail traffic, for purpose a self-propelled passenger rail service (at a minimum level of operating times). I sincerely wish to arrange for use of that tail-end of the Camp Stanley Spur for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

Please advise as to how we can proceed by mail, by e-mail (michael_idrogo@go.com), or by phone -- please call to (210) 227-3577 (ask for me or Mr. Gene Fest).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Idrogo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Idrogo, Chairman
Texas ELECTRIC RAIL Lines, Inc.
317 West Rosewood Ave
San Antonio, Texas 78212

encl: (map detail of railroad end of Camp Stanley Spur in Bexar County, Texas)