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RE: AB-573X, Trinidad Railway, Inc.-Abandonment
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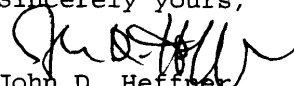
Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of A.P. Maxwell and the Trinidad Railway, Inc. (hereafter "Trinidad") in reply to "RVI's Response to Issues Raised in the Heffner Letter Dated July 19, 2002." Kern Valley Railroad Company ("KVR") filed a Reply dated July 24, 2002.

By this letter, Trinidad fully endorses KVR's Reply and requests that RVI's "Response" be rejected as an impermissible reply to a reply under 49 CFR 1101.10(a) of the Board's Rules of Practice.

Please date stamp and return for our records one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,


John D. Heffner

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