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Hon. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW (7<sup>th</sup> fl.)  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Secretary Williams:

This refers to STB Docket No. AB-573X), Trinidad Railway, Inc.--Abandonment Exemption--In Las Animas County, and the embraced proceedings, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 388X), The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption in Las Animas County, CO, and STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 160X), Union Pacific Railroad Company Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption In Las Animas County, CO.

Pursuant to the Board's Decision, served April 17, 2002, Kern Valley Railroad Company wishes to advise the Board that Rail Ventures, Inc., on July 26 2002, elected not to purchase the southern Colorado railroad line under the terms set by the agency, and, accordingly, Kern Valley Railroad Company notifies the Board, as well as Lorencito Coal Company, LLC, the shipper which has received service on the line, that, effective August 28, 2002, it intends to exercise the abandonment authority that previously has been issued.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed to permit your circulation of it. An additional copy is enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of it and to return to me via the messenger.

By copy of this letter, this notice is being served by facsimile transmission upon counsel for Lorencito Coal Company, LLC, and for all other parties.

If you have any question concerning the foregoing which you believe I may be able to answer or if I otherwise can be of

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assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

  
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