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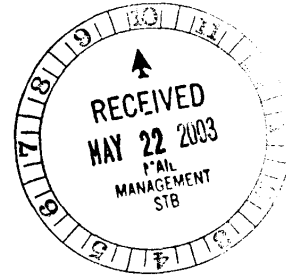
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**RE: Finance Docket No. 30186 (Sub-No. 3), Tongue River
Railroad Company – Construction and Operation –
Western Alignment.**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On behalf of the Tongue River Railroad Company ("TRRC"), I am writing to request a one week extension of time until June 3, 2003 for TRRC to file its reply comments on the final scope of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in this docket.

In a decision served on March 26, 2003, SEA ordered that written comments on the final scope be filed on May 12, 2003, with TRRC's reply comments due 15 days later on May 27, 2003. However, several parties filed their comments with the Board after the deadline. Comments were received from the Northern Plains Resource Council, the State of Arkansas and Mark Fix on May 19, 2003. Beth Kaeding filed comments on May 16, 2003. Accordingly, we need additional time to coordinate with our client and prepare an adequate reply filing.

Copies of this letter have been served on all parties of record.

Sincerely,

Scott Mirelson

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