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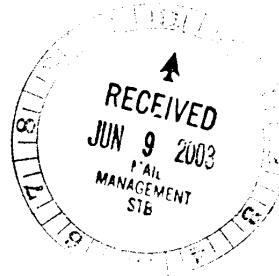
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Re: Petition O Railroad Ventures, Inc.
To Reopen Administratively Final Action
Docket No. AB 556 (Sub-No. 2X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

We have received the Petition to Reopen Administratively Final Action filed by Railroad Ventures, Inc. on May 28, 2003. Given the voluminous nature of the pleading and the complexity of the issues presented, we respectfully request an extension of 10 days for the purpose of preparing an appropriate reply. The extension will result in our reply being due on June 27, 2003. We are authorized to advise that counsel for Railroad Ventures, Inc. has agreed to the proposed extension.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Keith G. O'Brien".

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