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Public RecordTONGUE RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY -- RAIL CONSTRUCTION
AND OPERATION - IN ROSEBUD AND BIG HORN COUNTIES, MONTANAMOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS ON SUPPLEMENTAL
EVIDENCE FOR NEW PARTIES OF RECORD

The undersigned are all ranchers in the Tongue River valley. The proposed rail road will cut through our ranches and severely impact our ranching operation and diminish the value of our land. When the new service list came out on October 3, 2003, we were not parties of record. We have always wanted to be parties of record and to be able to have our own voice in this case. We should have been on the service list as parties of record and were not. Now a proper service list has been issued as of October 24, 2003. However, due to your own fault we now only have 21 days to respond to the supplemental evidence offered by Tongue River Railroad, instead of the 45 days that other parties of record that were properly listed have to provide comments. This shortened time is prejudicial to our ability to file comments. We have to work our ranches, run our lives, and then try to protect them from this railroad in our

free time. We need the whole 45 days. It was your error that left us in limbo after the October 3rd order. The fairest way to correct it is to give us the same time you have.

We request that you give us the full 45 days by adding 21 days from the date you submit your order. The order should apply to all parties that were added as parties of record to the service list on October 24, 2003.

Dated this 10 day of November, 2003.

Terry Punt
Terry Punt
Jeannie Alderson
Jeannie Alderson
Irv Alderson
Irv Alderson
Art Hayes
Art Hayes

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

We hereby certify that on the 10 day of November, 2003, we deposited a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the United States mail, postage prepaid, to all parties of record.

Jeannie Alderson