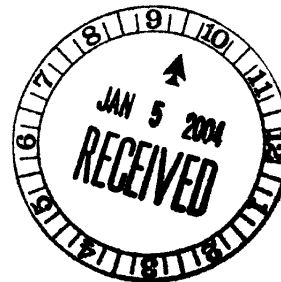


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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 558 (Sub-No. 7), Railroad Cost of Capital - 2003

Dear Secretary Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company intends to participate in the above-captioned proceeding by filing comments in conjunction with the Association of American Railroads and other Class I railroads.

Service of any comments filed by other parties should be sent directly to Union Pacific Railroad Company, addressed as follows:

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