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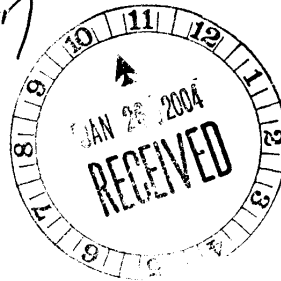
The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Martin Gas Sales, Inc. — Petition for Declaratory Order – Certain Rates
and Practices of Union Pacific Railroad Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

By Decision dated November 10, 2003 the Board directed the captioned matter to be handled under the modified procedure, with Martin Gas Sales, Inc. ("Martin") Opening Statement due January 27, 2004.

On behalf of Martin, this is to respectfully request a 30-day extension of the filing date for the Opening Statement to February 27, 2004. The extension hereby requested is necessitated by the fact that, pursuant to Martin's Request for Production, Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP"), has provided a substantial amount of information relating to the issues involved, and Martin has not had time to completely and properly analyze the data. This request is sought not for delay, but so that Martin can prepare and submit an accurate and meaningful Opening Statement.

I have been authorized by counsel for UP, Robert Opal, to state that UP does not oppose the requested extension.

Ten copies accompany the original of this requested extension. All parties of record are being served. An extra copy of this letter and the petition are enclosed for your file-stamp and return in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours,


Paul D. Angenend

PDA/mdm

c: Charles Clark

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify this 23rd day of January 2004 that a copy of the foregoing extension request has been served via United States First Class Mail, on Robert T. Opal, General Commerce Counsel, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179-0001.



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