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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: Docket No. 41191 (Sub-No. 1), West Texas Utilities Company
v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced proceeding please find an original and ten copies of Complainant AEP Texas North Company's Reply to BNSF's Motion for Extension of Time.

An additional copy of this pleading also is enclosed. Please indicate receipt and filing by time-stamping this extra copy and returning it to the bearer of this letter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
cc: David M. Konschnik
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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



AEP TEXAS NORTH COMPANY)

Complainant,)

v.)

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND)
SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY)

Defendant.)

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REPLY TO BNSF'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Complainant AEP Texas North Company ("AEP Texas") hereby replies to The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company's ("BNSF") Motion for Extension of Time filed on August 9, 2004.

As is clear from a review of AEP Texas' Rebuttal submission, all evidence presented therein was directly responsive to claims made by BNSF in its Reply, and no new material was submitted which could or should have been presented on Opening. There is no basis for BNSF's charges of "improper rebuttal," and no basis for any further filings by the carrier.

The foregoing notwithstanding, AEP Texas does not object to an extension of the deadline set by 49 C.F.R. Part 1104. 13 (a) as applicable here, to and including September 9, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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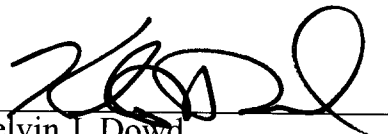
Dated: August 10, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 10th day of August, 2004, I caused a copy of the foregoing Reply to BNSF's Motion for Extension of Time to be served by hand delivery on counsel for BNSF, as follows:

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