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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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RE: Docket No. AB-398 (Sub-No. 9X), *San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company—Discontinuance Exemption—in Kern County, CA (Between Levee and Taft)*
Docket No. AB-170 (Sub-No. 1X), *Sunset Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Kern County, CA (Between Levee and Taft)* > 212659 > 212660

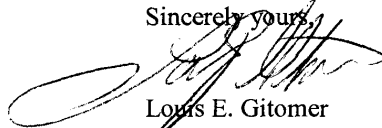
Dear Secretary Williams:

The Sunset Railway Company and the San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company amend the Verified Notice of Exemption filed in these proceedings to reduce the length of the abandonment and discontinuance of service, respectively, of the Sunset Subdivision from 18.0 miles to 16.3 miles extending between west of Levee, milepost 20.0, and Taft, milepost 36.3, in Kern County, CA. The consummation date of the abandonment and discontinuance of service will now be January 19, 2005, 50 days from the filing and service of this letter. I certify that a copy of this letter is being served today on all parties on the attached service list by first class mail.

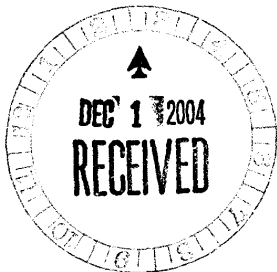
Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions, call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



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