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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: Sierra Northern Railway – Abandonment Exemption –
In Yolo County, CA AB-874X**

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is filed on behalf of Sierra Northern Railway (hereinafter referred to as “Sierra”). On January 24, 2005, the Surface Transportation Board (“Board”) issued a notice of interim trail use (“NITU”) with respect to the line of railroad subject to the above-referenced abandonment proceeding under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, authorizing the City of West Sacramento (the “City”) and Sierra to negotiate an interim trail use agreement.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Board that the City and Sierra have entered into an arrangement to convert the line of railroad, between approximately milepost 90.5 in the City of West Sacramento to a point south of Pumphouse Road, in Yolo County, California, into a rail-trail pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

_____/s/_____
Janie Sheng

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cc: Robert E. Murphy, Esq. (City of West Sacramento)