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

RE: STB Docket No. AB-441 (Sub-No. 4X), San Pedro
Railroad Operating Company, LLC-Abandonment
Exemption-In Cochise County, AZ,

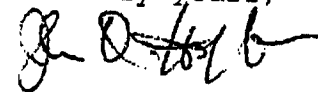
Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of San Pedro Railroad Operating Company (SPROC), petitioner in the above-captioned abandonment proceeding. On July 26, 2005, I received a pleading entitled a "Motion of Sonora-Arizona International, LLC For Leave to File Reply and Comments out of Time." Movant Sonora-Arizona has asked the STB to accept its Reply and Comments to be filed on August 2, 2005, well after the STB's long established procedural deadline of July 14, 2005, for filing protests and comments in this case.

By this letter, I am advising the Board that I will file a Reply to this Motion seeking that this motion and any protest or comments filed on or before August 2, 2005, be rejected as untimely.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



John D. Heffner

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