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September 8, 2005

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

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

Part of
Public Record

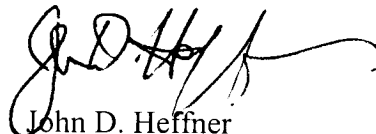
Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of San Pedro Railroad Operating Company (SPROC), I am enclosing for filing in the above-captioned abandonment proceeding an original and ten copies of:

- (1) 27 photographs depicting recent flood damage to SPROC's rail line between MP 47.5 and MP 48.9 that is the subject of the pending abandonment; and
- (2) an email letter from Terry R. Vanderplas of Mountain States Contracting, Inc., estimating the cost of repairs to that section of the line between MP 33 (also known as MP 1061.9) and MP 49 (also known as MP 1077.9) at \$56,346.00. SPROC estimates the cost of repairs for the 1.4 miles of track depicted in the enclosed photographs at about \$50,000.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter and enclosures.

Sincerely yours,


John D. Heffner
Counsel for SPROC

Enclosures:

cc: Mr. David L. Parkinson
All parties

August 31, 2005

Mr. Dave Parkinson
SAN PEDRO & SOUTHWESTERN Rwy. CO.
P.O. Box 1420
Benson, Arizona 85602

RE: WASHOUT REPAIRS, MILE POST 33 TO 49

Dear Dave:

We are pleased to provide you an estimated cost for repairing the damages from the recent rains. This proposal is based on material quoted now and may change due to the fluctuations in fuel and trucking prices.

We propose to perform the following work:

- Purchase and deliver approximately 256 cu.yds., (360 tons) of new, crushed rock ballast to Curtiss.
- Purchase and deliver 50 new, 7"x9"x9' creosote treated cross ties.
- Mobilize the necessary manpower and equipment to install the new ties in the affected locations.
- Utilizing an IT-28 Loader, restore the drainage, and reroute runoff on the right-of-way to prevent further damage.
- Load ballast into cars provided by others.
- Utilizing an SPSW work train, unload the ballast at the affected locations.
- Mobilize the required equipment, including a Production Tamper, Ballast Regulator, Service Truck, and Crew Truck.
- Raise, Tamp, and Re-line approximately 1.5 miles of track to Class 2 standards.
- Regulate, broom, and dress affected track to refill tie cribs and restore ballast shoulders.
- Re-establish grade line in drainage ditches, utilizing backplows on Ballast Regulator, to provide for smooth and unobstructed water flow.

LUMP SUM ESTIMATE...

\$ 56,346.00

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WASHOUT REPAIRS**

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The listed price does not include sales tax. Mountain States Contracting, Inc. Holds a Railroad contractors License in good standing with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors. License No. 080162.

We look forward to serving you in this regard. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Terry R. Vanderplas
VP Railroad Services

