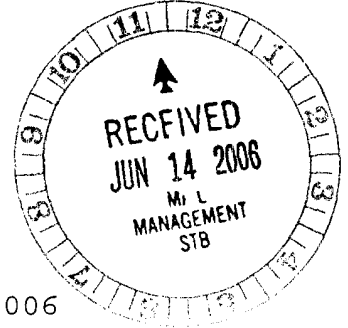


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Re: STB Docket No. AB-995X
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Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Verde Intermodal Railroad, LLC ("Verde"), and New Mexico Gateway Railroad Limited Liability Company ("NMGR"), I am enclosing for filing in the above-captioned proceeding an original and ten copies of a support letter from Richard P. Tambone. This letter specifically authorizes Verde to seek STB permission for NMGR to abandon the subject rail line.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this notice and transmittal letter.

Sincerely yours,

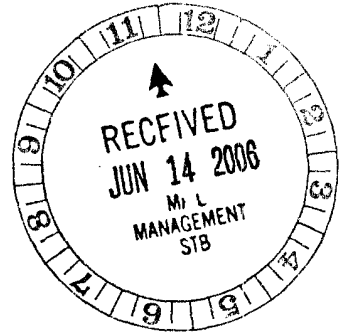
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John D. Heffner

Enclosure

cc: Jay Kleberg
Mr. Richard P. Tambone

**NEW MEXICO GATEWAY RAILROAD
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**



June 8, 2006

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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-995X, New Mexico Gateway Railroad
Limited Liability Company-Abandonment Exemption**

Dear Mr. Heffner:

I am writing at your request and on behalf of Verde Realty (Verde) in connection with the abandonment of the New Mexico Gateway Railroad Limited Liability Company (NMGR) trackage at Santa Teresa, NM. I am submitting this letter to supplement my previous letter dated May 8, 2006, to assist the Surface Transportation Board (the STB) with its consideration of this abandonment.

By this letter I state that I am authorized to speak on behalf of NMGR. Furthermore, on behalf of NMGR I hereby authorize Verde to seek STB permission for NMGR to abandon the subject rail line.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further assistance.

Very truly yours,

NEW MEXICO GATEWAY RAILROAD
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

By: SANTA TERESA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, its Managing Member

By: SORACCO CORPORATION, its General Partner

By: 
Richard P. Tambone, President