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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 34890, *PYCO Industries, Inc. -- Feeder Line Application -- South Plains Switching, Ltd. Co.*

Dear Mr. Williams:

This refers to the "Compilation of Shipper Comments" filed by PYCO Industries, Inc. (PYCO) on August 2, 2006. It appears from that filing that a majority of shippers favor sale of SAW's rail lines. PYCO has now amended its Revised Feeder Line Application (RFLA) to encompass all of SAW's rail lines.

Although SAW denies the allegations of those shippers, it would be difficult for SAW to continue to operate when a majority of its shippers do not favor its operation. SAW is in the process of evaluating its position on the issue of public convenience and necessity as applied to the entire line, in light of the change in position on the part of the shippers.

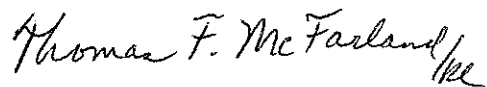
In light of PYCO's amendment of the RFLA to encompass the entire SAW, SAW should be provided with a reasonable time to determine its position on public convenience and necessity as related to the entire line, and to supplement its evidence on valuation to encompass the entire rail lines. SAW has consulted with Mr. Joseph Plaistow, SAW's witness on valuation, who has advised that he could provide valuation evidence for the entire SAW within two weeks, i.e., by Friday, August 18. Accordingly, this is to respectfully request that SAW be afforded until Friday, August 18 to file supplemental evidence on valuation of the entire rail lines in response to PYCO's amendment of the RFLA.

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It would simplify the Board's decision and the time necessary for the Board to issue that decision if SAW were to determine not to oppose the public convenience and necessity issues as to the entire rail line. But SAW would still need adequate time to value the rail line as a whole.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas F. McFarland". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

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