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Re: Docket No. AB-812X, *Stockton Terminal and Eastern Railroad -- Abandonment Exemption -- in San Joaquin County, CA*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Applicant Stockton Terminal & Eastern Railroad (STE) hereby respectfully seeks an extension of time for the filing of its notice of consummation of the abandonment that has been authorized in the above proceeding, to and including the date of this correspondence. STE hereby provides notice of its consummation of that abandonment.

In a Board decision in this proceeding served November 16, 2004, the abandonment was exempted subject to an environmental condition and to completion of the historic review process. The latter condition precluded consummation of the abandonment.

In a Board decision in this proceeding served May 6, 2005, those conditions were removed as of the date of service of that decision. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2), STE had one year from that date to file a notice of consummation of the abandonment (i.e., until May 6, 2006).

STE neglected to file such notice of consummation within that one-year period.

STE respectfully seeks an extension of the date to file a notice of consummation of abandonment from May 6, 2006 to the date of this letter, in order for the Board to accept the notice of consummation of abandonment contained in this correspondence.

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As justification for the requested extension, STE states that it is a small Class III rail carrier who is not familiar with the Board's abandonment procedures. As is evident from the docket number of the Board proceeding covering STE's abandonment filing, this was the first request for abandonment filed by STE.

As additional justification for the requested extension, STE states that no party or other person would be adversely affected by the extension. The proposed abandonment was unopposed. The rail line authorized for abandonment has been out-of-service for more than two years.

In view of the foregoing, the Board is respectfully requested to (1) extend the date for filing a notice of consummation of abandonment in this proceeding to and including the date of this letter; and (2) accept for filing the notice of consummation of abandonment contained in this letter. *See Portland Terminal Co. -- Aband. Exempt. -- in Cumberland County, ME, 2000 STB LEXIS 619 (STB Docket No. AB-268 [Sub-No. 10X], decision served Oct. 25, 2000).*

Ten copies accompany the original of this request.

Very truly yours,



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