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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Suite 1149
Washington, DC 20024

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34870, *PYCO Industries, Inc. v. South Plains Switching, Ltd. Co.*

Dear Mr. Williams:

The due date for an Answer to the Amended/Supplemented Complaint of PYCO Industries, Inc. (PYCO) is June 6, 2007.

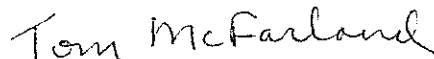
In behalf of Defendant, South Plains Switching, Ltd. Co. (SAW), this is to respectfully request an extension of 30 days, until July 6, 2007, for filing that Answer.

This request is necessitated by surgery that counsel for SAW will undergo on June 1, 2007. Counsel is a sole practitioner. The 30-day extension requested is the minimum required in light of the nature of the surgery (removal of cancerous prostate).

The requested extension should also encompass SAW's response to PYCO's discovery. That response is arguably due on June 6. An extension to July 6, 2007 is respectfully requested.

Reference should be made to my letter to the Board dated May 23, 2007, in which I requested procedural relief in regard to the Complaint. I continue to believe, and hereby reiterate, that evidentiary proceedings in regard to the complaint be held in abeyance pending disposition of SAW's Motion to Dismiss in view of the commodity exemption for rail transportation of cottonseed (letter of May 23, 2007). In any event, the dates for an Answer and Response to Discovery are respectfully requested to be extended in view of the identified surgery pending the Board's ruling on the request in my letter of May 23, 2007.

Very truly yours,



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