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Date: January 29, 2008

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re STB Docket No AB-1014, Denver & Rio Grande Railway Historical
Foundation—Adverse Abandonment—In Mineral County, CO

Dear Secretary Williams

Please consider this letter my comments in support of the application for adverse abandonment filed by the City of Creede.

My name is Robert D. Frederick and I have owned Tomkins True Value Hardware and Lumber for the last 35 years.

My address is Box 129, 511 Main Street Creede, Colorado 81130

I am writing in support of the City's application. There has been no railroad activity on this property for over 35 years. I believe the publicly owned land under the railroad should be put to uses that benefit the town and its citizens. This land runs through the middle of our small town and its use affects the welfare of the town and its citizens. Mr. Shank has had ample time and funding to achieve his goal of restoring the railway between South Fork and Creede.

I've enclosed ten copies of this letter and caused copies to be mailed to the parties to this proceeding. A certificate of service is attached to my comments.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Frederick

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused a true and correct copy of my comments in STB Docket No AB-1014 to be served upon the following persons by first class mail this 29th Day of January, 2008

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