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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Hon. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

This refers to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 253X) Union Pacific Railroad Company--Abandonment Exemption--in Colorado and Wharton Counties, TX and to the Board's Decisions served September 15, 2008 and October 31, 2008 extending the NTL negotiating period to December 31, 2008.

The President and CEO of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO"), Mr. Frank J. Wilson, seeks approval by its Board of Directors of the Interim Trail Use-Rail Banking Agreement and Assignment and Deed Without Warranty at its next meeting, which is scheduled for mid-December. With the Holiday Season intervening, it would appear to be difficult to get the signed copies of the agreement to the Union Pacific Railroad Company for review by its real estate department and execution by the appropriate official of the Company by December 31, 2008.

METRO accordingly respectfully requests a further extension of the negotiating period to February 27, 2009.

I am authorized to state that UP concurs in the extension request.

I certify that I have served a copy of this letter upon UP by e-mailing a copy to its counsel.

Sincerely yours,

Fritz R. Kahn

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