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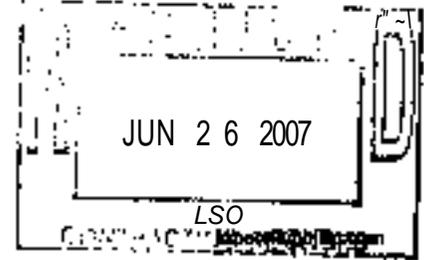
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June 22, 2007

National Park Service
12795 Alameda Parkway
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RE: STB Docket No. AB-341 (Sub-No. IX), Southwestern Railroad Company, Inc. - Abandonment Exemption - Ellis County, OK and Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Hansford Counties, TX

Dear Sir/Madam:

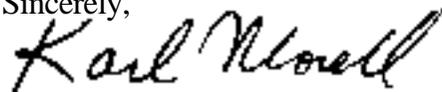
On or shortly after July 11, 2007, Southwestern Railroad Company, Inc. ("SWRR"), will be filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Petition for Exemption seeking authority to abandon its 85.3-mile rail line located between milepost 0.10, at Shattuck, Oklahoma, and milepost 85.4, at Spearman, in Ellis County, Oklahoma and Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Hansford Counties, Texas (the "Line"). Attached is a copy of the Environmental Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analyses of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20423, Telephone (202) 245-0295, and refer to the above Docket No. AB-341 (Sub-No. IX). Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within 3 weeks.

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Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned by telephone at (202) 638-3307 or by mail at Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Sincerely,



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The National Park Service reviewed this project,
and determined A* no ~~park~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~affected~~;
therefore, ~~we~~ ~~have~~ ~~no~~ ~~criticism~~.

Signature: Greg Redburn Date: 8/6/07

