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**RE: Docket Number FRA-2004-18746 - 6**

Dear Sir:

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen requests an extension of the comment period of at least ninety (90) days in order to gain an understanding of the Union Pacific's exact request, its implications on rail operations, and the effect it may have, if granted, on safety, security and the impact on employment of our members.

We further request that a public hearing be held.

Sincerely,

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Vice President and  
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