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Ms. Betty Monro – FRA Administrator
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Washington, D. C. 20590

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Dear Ms. Monro,

This letter will serve to advise you that TFM will look favorably upon FRA's visits to our Sanchez or Nuevo Laredo facilities, for the purpose of conducting inspections of our equipment, facilities or personnel records, as a condition for granting a waiver and acceptance of our Class I Mechanical Inspections and Air Brake Test on designated U. S. bound trains.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of this project, as well as the increased efficiency and fluidity, which are but a few of the many positive results that will occur as a result of your granting the waiver in mention. Since you have seen first hand the large volumes of trains we move daily through this gateway, you are aware of the operational challenges we (UP – TFM – TexMex) must overcome daily. Granting this waiver will have a dramatic, positive impact on all of the railroads and cities involved, not only from a safety standpoint, but from an environmental standpoint, as well.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation with regard to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at: 1-888-812-9512 (Ext. 7887) or Frank P. Hernandez (Ext. 7852), if you should have any questions regarding the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,

Manuel Zulaica – COO TFM

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