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Via E-Mail

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RE: Docket No. FRA-2004-18746, Union Pacific Railroad Company – Petition for Waiver

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the letter dated October 6, 2004, from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen ("BLET") requesting a 30 day extension of time to file comments, on the grounds that the transcript for the public hearing is not yet posted on the DOT website.

UP opposes the requested extension. Most of the testimony presented by UP and TFM in support of the waiver was in written form, and copies were provided to BLET at the hearing. Further, BLET could have ordered a copy of the transcript from the court reporter, but apparently chose not to do so.

Finally, the DMS docket information for BLET October 6 letter indicates that the letter is a request by Union Pacific for an extension of time. This should be corrected to indicate that it is BLET which is requesting the extension.

Very truly yours,

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