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8 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
 9 UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY TO  
 10 ALTER FOUR CROSSINGS OF THE UNION  
 11 PACIFIC RAILROAD IN THE CITY OF CASA  
 12 GRANDE AND IN PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA  
 13 AT ANDERSON, MONGOMERY, ETHINGTON  
 14 AND THORNTON ROADS.

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**STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF  
DEADLINE UP DOUBLE TRACK CASES**

15 On September 7, 2007, applicant Union Pacific Railroad ("UP" or "Company") filed with the  
 16 Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for permission to alter four  
 17 crossings in Arizona. On November 19, 2007, Administrative Law Judge Marc Stern issued a  
 18 procedural order setting out various dates with respect to this application. These dates included  
 19 setting the due date for the Commission's Railroad Safety Section's ("Staff") Staff Report. Presently  
 20 the Staff Report is due on January 4, 2008.

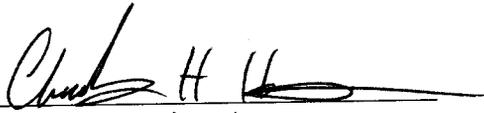
21 Because of resource constraints, the scope of work involved in evaluating the application, the  
 22 specific characteristics of the crossings that are the subject of this application, and complex issues  
 23 related directly to these characteristics, Staff has recently chosen to bring outside consultants in to  
 24 assist in the preparation of Staff's case and the Staff Report. A consulting firm has tentatively been  
 25 selected but the arrangement between them and Staff is still being finalized. Once the consultant is in  
 26 place, the consultant may require up to 30 days to perform the assessment of this application.

27 In order to provide sufficient time for a full evaluation of the present application by Staff and  
 28 its consultants, Staff respectfully requests an indefinite extension of the filing deadline for the Staff  
 Report pending finalization of the arrangement with the consultants. If the motion is granted, Staff  
 will file a request for procedural order at such time as Staff is in a position to commit to specific  
 dates.

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1 RESPECTFULLY submitted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

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