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IDARO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

October 30, 1998

Robert Horton Idaho Public Utilities Commission State House Mail Boise, Idaho 83720

RE: REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE COMMISSIONS RAILROAD CLEARANCE RULE

Dear Mr. Horton:

I would like to request a variance of the railroad clearance rule for the installation of a safety system for our chip car netting operation. As stated in the attached drawing, the catwalk will be 7' 7" from the centerline of the track. The rule requires an 8' 6" inch clearance.

Moving the platforms closer to the car will allow our employees to perform responsibilities safely.

The tracks are owned and located on Crown Pacific property. With the exception of the switch crew and our employees, no other people will access the area.

I have discussed this matter with the railroad. They have no objections provided we place proper warning signs for their crew at the entry end of the spur. I am working with them on this signage.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you need additional information, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

K.C. Hansen Safety/Environmental Compliance Manager

Enclosure