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IDAHO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P. O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Dear Commission Secretary:

In the mid-1980's, The Amalgamated Sugar Company erected a platform between two rail spurs which terminate within a building at our Nampa processing facility. In October this year, the platform's length was extended. After completion of the extension, Union Pacific's manager for terminal operations brought it to our attention that perhaps we should have a waiver of, or variance from, rail clearance rules published by the Commission. This letter is to formally request such a waiver.

Our platform is approximately 6'-0 3/8" to 6'-1" from the center line of either of the two tracks and its base is approximately 13'-10 1/2" higher than the top of the rails (See enclosed sketches). This intrudes into the clearance zone specified by your rules for normal operations.

The platform is used by our employees to safely access the top of bulk rail cars. Our employees must perform tasks such as entering and cleaning cars, position loading spouts to fill the cars and distribute the sugar being loaded. Therefore, the platform must be very close to the sides of the rail cars and at a height appropriate to the tops of cars, which have varying heights, in order to be efficiently and safely used.

Although the rails terminate within our building, on frequent occasions cars are positioned within, and later removed by, the Union Pacific. This has been a customary and safe procedure for many years. Therefore, we feel a waiver is appropriate in this instance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis K. Stegenga".

Dennis K. Stegenga

Plant Engineer

cc: G. L. Bonner
Union Pacific Railroad
1313 1st Street North
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