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Brigadier General (CA) Jack Hagan
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Dear General Hagan:

I write to modify Union Pacific's request for a deviation from walkway and track clearance requirements at certain locations that will be involved in the railroad's concrete tie project on the Donner line in 2013. In response to discussions with Commission staff, Union Pacific has performed a further analysis of its options related to track clearances and determined that it will be feasible to comply with the Commission's clearance standards during the project. Complying with the clearance standards will add to the cost of the project, but the company will be able to budget for these costs. For this reason, Union Pacific withdraws its request for a deviation from the track clearance standards of General Order 26-D.

This correspondence does not alter the railroad's request for a deviation from the General Order 118-A walkway standards under the proposed terms set forth in my September 17, 2012 letter. Due to the features of the terrain and other issues, compliance with the walkway standards at certain locations would not be feasible without the expenditure of sums that would make the project cost-prohibitive. In order to achieve the safety and efficiency benefits of the project, Union Pacific reaffirms its request for a limited deviation of the G.O. 118-A standards.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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