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ACC HOLDING PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION IN WILLCOX Commissioners to Discuss Railroad's Expansion Plans

PHOENIX – The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) will hold a public comment session in Willcox on Friday, March 23 regarding the Union Pacific Railroad's plans to expand operations by adding a second set of tracks in portions of Arizona, including the Willcox region. Local officials and residents are invited to share their comments and concerns with the Commissioners.

Friday, March 23 at 3:30 PM

Public Comment Session
Willcox Community Center
312 West Stewart Street
Willcox, AZ 85643

In 2005, the Union Pacific announced plans to expand its Sunset Route – a 760-mile rail corridor extending from El Paso, Texas to Los Angeles, California. (For more information, see http://www.uprr.com/newsinfo/releases/capital_investment/2005/0630_sunset.shtml.) The Sunset Route passes through or near several Arizona communities that stand to be affected by the expansion.

The Willcox City Manager prompted this meeting by writing to the Commissioners about the potential impacts of this expansion plan on the city and its residents. While the Commission cannot dictate where a railroad runs, it does oversee railroad safety. The Arizona Corporation Commission, through a relationship with the Federal Railroad Administration, oversees the safe operations and maintenance of signals, crossings, track, locomotives and cargo containers.

Staff from the Commission's Railroad Safety Section will attend the public comment session to make a brief presentation. Representatives from the Union Pacific will also attend. After brief presentations to provide a foundation for the meeting's focus, the Commissioners will take comments from local officials and members of the general public.

About Public Comment Sessions

Public comment sessions are formal proceedings and all comments will be tape recorded or transcribed by a court reporter. The Commissioners may limit the duration of each individual's comments to allow everyone a fair opportunity to speak.

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