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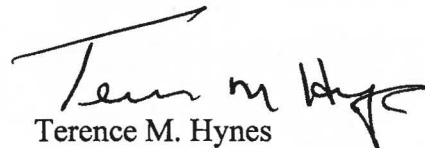
Cynthia Brown
Chief-Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Re: Finance Docket No. 35984, *Ohio River Partners, LLC - Exemption for Acquisition and Operation of Rail Line - Hannibal Development, LLC in Monroe County, Ohio*

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter has reference to the Board's decision served on December 22, 2017 in the above-captioned proceeding. In that Decision (at 8), the Board requested that the parties inform the Board whether they are interested in participating in Board-sponsored mediation with respect to interchange and operating protocols for dual operations on the Omal Line. Ohio River Partners Shareholder LLC ("ORPS") hereby advises the Board that it is willing to participate in mediation of appropriate interchange and operating protocols. If the other parties likewise agree to participate, ORPS urges the Board to initiate such mediation at the Board's earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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