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Pamela S. Miner, Director  
City of Davenport  
Community Planning and Economic Development  
226 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, Iowa 52801

RE: Finance Docket No. 35237, City of Davenport, IA—Construction and  
Operation Exemption—In Scott County, Iowa

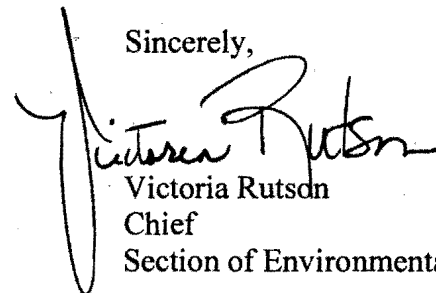
Dear Ms. Miner:

Thank you for your letter, dated August 10, 2010, inviting the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of a supplemental Environmental Assessment for the proposed Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Rail Project in Scott County, Iowa.

As you know, the Board has been authorized by Congress to license new rail line construction, which is considered to be a "major Federal action" requiring environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis is the office responsible for conducting the environmental review process to ensure the Board's compliance with NEPA and related environmental laws. Accordingly, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 1501.6, I am writing to notify the City of Davenport, the Iowa Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration that the Board accepts your invitation and will be a cooperating agency in the supplemental environmental review of this proposed project.

If you have any questions, please contact Christa Dean by phone at (202) 245-0299 or e-mail at [christa.dean@stb.dot.gov](mailto:christa.dean@stb.dot.gov).

Sincerely,



Victoria Rutson  
Chief

Section of Environmental Analysis

cc: Randy Hyler, Iowa Department of Transportation  
Mike LaPietra, Federal Highway Administration  
Tom Parham, Federal Highway Administration