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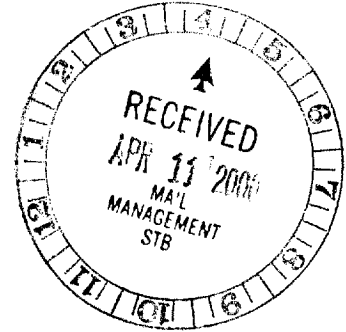
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Room 711
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Section 5a Application No. 118 (Sub-No. 2), et al., EC-MAC Motor
Carriers Service Association, et al.

Comments of The New England Motor Rate Bureau, Inc.

Dear Secretary Williams:

The New England Motor Rate Bureau ("NEMRB") hereby submits these initial comments in the above proceeding. NEMRB aligns itself with the joint comments that are being filed today by three other rate bureaus, EC-MAC Motor Carriers Service Association, Inc., Niagara Frontier Tariff Bureau and Rocky Mountain Tariff Bureau. For reasons articulated in those comments and in the January 27, 1999 Petition for Reconsideration in which NEMRB joined in the Section 5a Application No. 118 (Sub No. 1) proceeding, NEMRB urges the Board to discontinue this proceeding.

Respectfully,

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