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BY HAND

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary

Surface Transportation Board

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Case Control Unit

STB Finance Docket No. 34040

1925 K Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34040, Riverview Trenton Railroad Company –
Acquisition and Operation in Wayne County, Michigan**

Dear Secretary Williams:

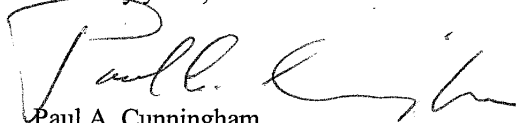
The reply filed yesterday by Riverview Trenton Railroad Company ("RTR") to the motion of the County of Wayne and Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated (together, "WC/GTW") for an extension of time raises an issue that reflects a misapprehension of our position as to which we offer a clarification and a solution. In proposing an extension of the deadline for WC/GTW alone, we were attempting to address the equities of the situation (WC/GTW Motion at 8 & n.5), and were not seeking any advantage in having seen RTR's reply before filing our reply. If the Board is concerned about this possibility, it could require RTR on the current due date of its filing (March 18, 2002) to deposit with the Secretary a computer diskette containing its filing (as it would be required to do in any event) to be kept under seal

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until the actual filing and service of the hard copies of its reply on the new due date for opponents' replies. This would avoid the inequitable extension of time for RTR that it advocates, while maintaining the substance of a schedule for simultaneous filings.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Paul A. Cunningham
David A. Hirsh

Counsel for Grand Trunk Western
Railroad Incorporated

cc: All parties of record
(by hand to Steptoe & Johnson;
by mail to all others)