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Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
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Re: STB Docket No. 42070

Dear Sir or Madam:

We have been informed that the CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") may be required to produce a copy of contracts CSXT62373 and CSXT81006 (the "Contracts") between CSXT and Cardinal Operating Company ("Cardinal") in the above referenced proceeding. We further understand that the Contracts would be designated "Highly Confidential".

Nonetheless, we are hereby requesting that the STB deny Duke Energy Corporation's motion to compel the production of the Contracts. We do not believe that it is appropriate that Cardinal's competitors can acquire information setting forth Cardinal's operating costs by filing an action with the STB. Those companies could then use such information to Cardinal's detriment. Alternatively, we propose that the Contracts be redacted to delete financially sensitive material prior to their being produced.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Stanley".

Tim Stanley
Manager, Transportation & Marketing
on behalf of Cardinal Operating Company

cc: Debra Pickering, Senior Contract Analyst

ENTERED
Office of the Secretary

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