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June 12, 2002

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Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW, Room 700
Washington, DC 20006



Re: STB Finance Docket #34177

Dear Vernon:

Please find enclosed a copy of the letter our Mayor previously sent to Linda Morgan & Wayne Burkes in April of this year. I am forwarding 10 copies of the letter to you and also a copy to IC&E's attorney, William C. Sipple.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at (563)873-3735.

Thank You,

Denise Schneider
City Clerk

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April 10, 2002

Linda Morgan and Wayne Burkes
Surface Transportation Board
1201 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

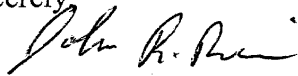
Dear Ms. Morgan and Mr. Burke:

Recently the DM&E Railroad announced its intended acquisition of I&M Rail Link. Please do not let this transaction be considered exempt as defined in 49 CFR 1180.2. We feel it should be considered a minor or significant transaction.

I&M Rail Link has many spurs running within our city limits. The actions of the new company will have a huge impact on our city. We already have a big problem with trains tying up our tracks and noise and environmental pollution from the railroad. Depending on the new company's cargo and traffic patterns, it could have a devastating effect on our small town's residents and businesses. I urge you to make sure the appropriate regulatory process is utilized.

If you would like to contact me, please feel free to give me a call at (563) 873-3735.

Sincerely,



John Ries
Mayor

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