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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 711
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: Finance Docket No. 34040 – Riverview Trenton Railroad Company –
Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10901 to Acquire and Operate
a Rail Line in Wayne County, MI**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and 10 copies of the Interim Status Report of Riverview Trenton Railroad Company. The original of this filing has been submitted reflecting consecutive page numeration and three disks containing an electronic version of this document in WordPerfect format are also submitted in conformity with the Board's rules.

Respectfully,

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David H. Coburn
Attorney for Riverview Trenton Railroad
Company

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cc: All parties of record

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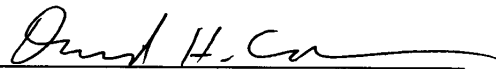
**INTERIM STATUS REPORT OF
RIVERVIEW TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY**

Riverview Trenton Railroad Company ("RTRR") respectfully submits this interim status report regarding efforts it has made to date pursuant to the Board's directive to attempt to reach a negotiated resolution with respect to RTRR's Petition for Exemption.

Pursuant to that directive, RTRR's representatives initiated informal discussions with representatives from Wayne County, the City of Trenton and the City of Riverview. RTRR has also initiated efforts to schedule formal negotiations with these parties during July. The July 21, 2002 *Heritage Newspaper* reported that Wayne County would delay negotiations with RTRR until after the August 6 Democratic primary. Wayne County's counsel, however, has indicated that is not the case. Trenton's counsel has indicated that Trenton's representatives are not available until mid-August. To date, the formal discussions sought by RTRR have not been scheduled.

RTRR shall continue to use its best efforts to reach an amicable resolution of the concerns of Wayne County and the Cities of Riverview and Trenton regarding RTRR's proposed operations, and report to the Board no later than the September 19, 2002 deadline. If the parties are unable to reach a resolution by that date, RTRR will likely ask the Board to issue a decision on its Petition for Exemption.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of Riverview Trenton Railroad Company's Interim Status Report was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, this 26th day of July, 2002 on all parties of record.

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David H. Coburn.