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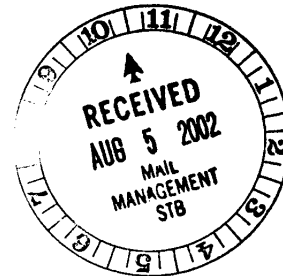
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July 30, 2002

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

Dear Secretary Williams:

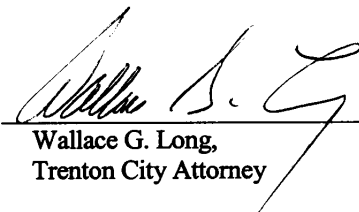
Enclosed for filing please find an original and 10 copies of the Interim Status Report of the City of Trenton.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Very truly yours,

HOWARD & HOWARD ATTORNEYS, P.C.

By: 
Wallace G. Long,
Trenton City Attorney

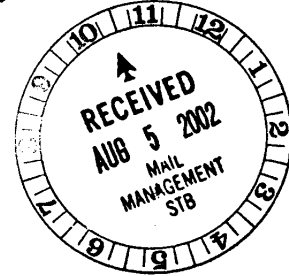
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Enclosure(s)

cc: J. William Koegel, Jr.
Mark J. Zausmer
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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Finance Docket No. ~~33040~~ 34040

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INTERIM STATUS REPORT OF CITY OF TRENTON

The City of Trenton ("Trenton") respectfully submits its 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.

1. Pursuant to the STB directive, RTRR's representatives met with representatives from the City of Trenton, on July 8, 2002. Legal counsel for the City of Trenton was present to attend such discussions but was excluded by RTRR representatives from the meeting.

2. Subsequently, RTRR's counsel wrote the City of Trenton advising it of six possible dates during the last two weeks of July when he was available to meet with the governmental units jointly. The City contacted representatives of the other units to determine their availability for a joint meeting on the suggested dates. As representatives from all local units were not available simultaneously, the City suggested as an alternative, August 13, 2002.

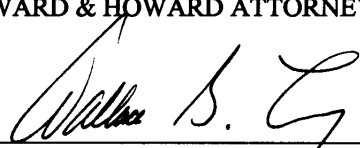
3. RTRR responded without commitment to the proposed date, expressing "disappointment" about the lack of availability on its proposed dates.

4. RTRR indicated it would meet with the City's individually rather than a group. As indicated, RTRR has already met with the City of Trenton, as well as Riverview.

The City of Trenton has not only met with RTRR, but will continue to use its best efforts to arrange a mutually available date for all counsel regarding RTRR's proposed operations, and will report its status to the Board no later than September 19, 2002. If the parties are unable to reach a resolution by that date, the City of Trenton will likely ask the Board to issue a decision denying RTRR's Petition for Exemption.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 30, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Gina L. Barber, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 30th day of July, 2002, she mailed a copy of **City of Trenton's Interim Status Report** in the above-captioned matter to all parties of record by depositing said documents into a United States Post Office receptacle with the above address and correct postage affixed thereto.


Gina L. Barber