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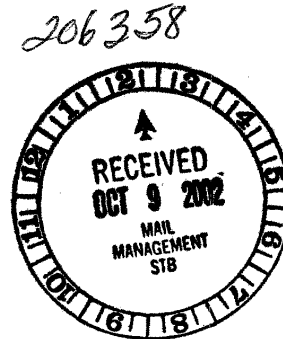
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Via HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 90), CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company - Control and Operating Leases/Agreements - Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation (Buffalo Rate Study)

Dear Secretary Williams:

According to the Board's schedule in the above matter, October 11, 2002 is the date for CSX and NS replies to comments on their third and final reports in the Buffalo Rate Study. The only comment submitted was that of the U.S. Department of Transportation, filed on October 2, 2002.

On behalf of CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., I am writing this brief reply to DOT's Comment. In its study, DOT found that the majority of CSX rates at the end of the third year either decreased, remained constant or increased only slightly over the rates for the preceding year, DOT Comments at 7, and that for CSX movements with comparable Conrail pre-transaction counterparts there was a "decrease in overall rates." *Id.* at 8. DOT further found that, on an aggregated basis, without adjustments for inflation, CSX and NS rates at the end of the third year compared to pre-Split rates appear to have increased, but that "[i]f inflation is considered, overall rate levels in Buffalo have actually declined." *Id.* at 10. Thus, DOT's independent study of the CSX and NS waybill data confirms the railroads' detailed analyses reporting that Buffalo Area shippers have not been subjected to increased rates as a result of the Conrail transaction.

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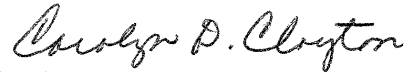
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The three-year study provided for in the Board's order initiating this proceeding has now been completed, and in light of the evidence submitted, CSX respectfully requests that this proceeding be concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carolyn D. Clayton".

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CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc. Parties of Record (by mail)