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October 24, 2002

VIA FACSIMILE: 202/ 565-9004

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

Re: North Carolina State Ports Authority--Acquisition Exemption--
North Carolina Ports Railway Commission --Finance Docket No. 34258
Reply of Betty Jo Christian of Steptoe & Johnson, dated 10/21/02

Dear Secretary Williams:

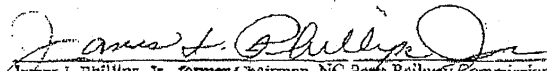
Please be advised this reply to a reply is impermissible and should not be made for this reason. We respectfully request the reply be stricken from the record.

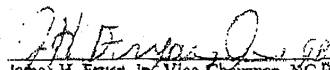
Moreover, Ms. Christian did not send copies of her letter to the undersigned as is required by the Board's rules.

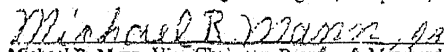
Ten copies of this letter are enclosed to permit your circulation of it. An additional copy is enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of it and to return to us in the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope.

By copy of this letter, sent by prepaid first-class mail, service is being affected upon counsel for the Authority.

Sincerely yours,


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