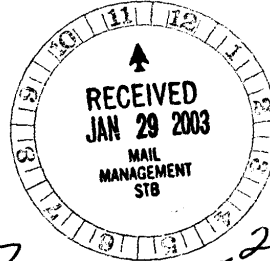


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Re: Finance Docket No. 33995, SF&L Railway, Inc.-Acquisition and
Operation Exemption-Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway Corporation
Finance Docket No. 33996, Kern W. Schumacher and Morris H. Kulmer-
Continuance in Control-SF&L Railway, Inc.

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is in response to the letter-request by petitioners, filed yesterday, seeking to introduce additional matter. This appears part of a flurry of filings, on the eve of the voting conference (for other examples, see: F.D. No. 34310).

This protestant opposes the letter-request at this late stage. The Board is urged to remove SF&L from the property, allowing TP&W to restore operations.

City of Macomb and McDonough County concur with this view.

Very truly yours,

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