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VIA COURIER

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Ex Parte No. 638; Procedures to Expedite Resolution of Rail Rate
Challenges to Be Considered Under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed are the original and ten copies of a "Notice of Intent to Participate" on behalf of Edison Electric Institute ("EEI"), in the hearing scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2003 in the above-referenced proceeding. Please be advised that Edison Electric Institute requests the opportunity to speak for 15 minutes at the hearing. The undersigned and Mr. Charles Linderman of EEI's Staff will appear for EEI. EEI will not be submitting testimony, but instead will rely in its presentation on the Opening and Reply Comments it filed herein in October 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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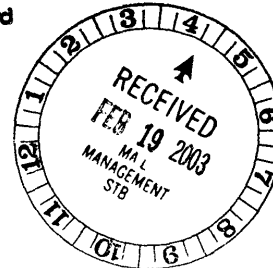
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UNDER THE STAND-ALONE METHODOLOGY



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
OF EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE**

Edison Electric Institute ("EEI") hereby notifies the Board of its intent to participate in the above-referenced proceeding scheduled for February 27, 2003. EEI also requests the opportunity to speak for fifteen minutes. The undersigned will be accompanied by Mr. Charles Linderman, Director- Fossil Fuels at EEI. In order not to impose any unnecessary burden on the Board or its Staff, EEI will rely at the hearing on the Opening and Reply comments it filed in October 2002 in this proceeding

Respectfully submitted,

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