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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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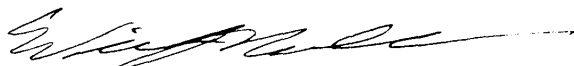
RE: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 15) > 207301
Kansas City Southern Railway Company -- Adverse Abandonment -- In St. Clair County, IL
STB Docket No. AB-849 > 207302
Gateway Eastern Railway Company -- Adverse Abandonment -- In St. Clair County, IL

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is to notify the Board that The Kansas City Southern Railway Company and its subsidiary Gateway Eastern Railway Company (together, "KCS/Gateway") intend to reply to the Petition for Waiver and Exemption of Illinois Department of Transportation, filed February 19 in the above-captioned matters and received by KCS/Gateway on or about February 24, not later than Tuesday, March 4, 2003.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of this letter by receipting the 11th copy of the filing, which is enclosed for that purpose, and returning that copy to the person delivering the filing, for return to me. A copy of this letter has been sent by first class mail to counsel for all known parties of record; *i.e.*, counsel for petitioner Illinois Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,



William A. Mullins

cc: Parties of Record
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company

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