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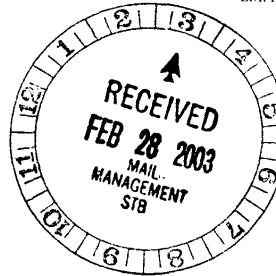
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February 21, 2003



Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W. Room 711
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Riverview Trenton Railroad Company
STB Finance Docket No. 34040
Request to Clarify Order

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Dear Secretary Williams:

Please be advised that the undersigned represents the City of Riverview in the abovementioned proceeding. The Board issued an order last year that directed the parties to meet and attempt to reach a settlement of the case. The parties, including the City of Riverview, participated in a number of meetings toward this end. After 90 days passed, however, the petitioner abruptly broke off talks and all parties then filed letters with the STB that reported on our collective efforts.

After reviewing subsequent letters from the parties and the seemingly endless responses and counter-responses to one another, it appears that, this is an assumption that the "90 days" reference in the STB order constituted a window of time that has come and gone, and that the STB did not intend for negotiations to continue past that time. Riverview's reading of the order is different. We are under the impression that the STB merely wanted an interim report at the 90 day mark, and that the parties should continue to negotiate past that time.

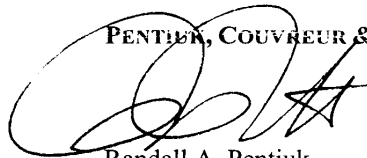
The purpose of this letter is to seek an accurate understanding of the STB order and whether the parties should be using the present time to negotiate. While we know that the petitioners have expressed a view that there is nothing more to discuss, the reality is that much remains to be explored. The County of Wayne has a new administration. Moreover, the petitioner's plans, as disclosed during earlier negotiations are much broader than presented to the STB. This needs to be assessed in greater depth by the municipal parties [as well as by the STB staff in a supplemental environmental assessment].

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To that end, the City of Riverview respectfully requests direction from the STB as to the matters addressed in this letter, and clarification of the STB order on whether further negotiations are intended.

Very truly yours,

PENTIEK, COUVREUR & KOBILJAK, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Pentiuk", with a stylized star or flourish at the end.

Randall A. Pentiuk
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY OF RIVERVIEW

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Enclosure

c: Wally G. Long
Mark J. Zausmer
David H. Coburn

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Finance Docket No. 34040

RIVERVIEW TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY
PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM 49 U.S.C. 10901
TO ACQUIRE AND OPERATE A RAIL LINE IN
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

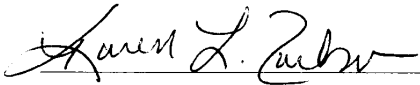
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STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF WAYNE)

PATRICIA D. JEDLICKI being first duly sworn deposes and says that she is employed by **PENTIUK, COUVREUR & KOBILJAK, P.C.**, Attorneys for City of Riverview in this matter, and that on February 21, 2003, she caused to be placed in the United States mail an envelope, with full postage thereon affixed containing one copy of the letter dated February 21, 2003 regarding Request to Clairify Order, to Wallace G. Long, Howard & Howard, 39400 Woodward Avenue, Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48034, one copy to Mark J. Zausmer, 31700 Middlebelt Road, Suite 150, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334 and one copy to David H. Coburn, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036 and Proof of Service.


Patricia D. Jedlicki, Legal Assistant

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 21, 2003



**KAREN L. ZURBO, NOTARY PUBLIC
WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 07-02-06**