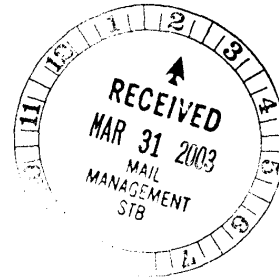


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On behalf of Petitioner, Illinois Department of Transportation, I respectfully seek leave to withdraw the Petition, without prejudice. I am authorized to state that counsel for Kansas City Southern Railway Company and Gateway Eastern Railway Company offers no objection.

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 me via the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

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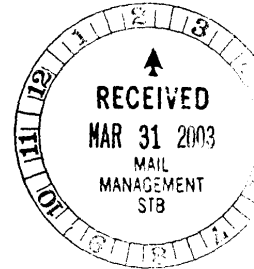
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