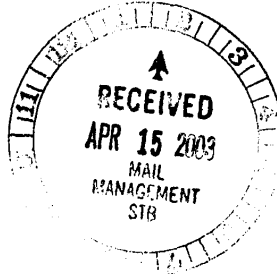


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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34334, Lancaster and Chester Railway Company
- Acquisition and Operation Exemption - Norfolk Southern Railway
Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 14, 2003, a verified notice of exemption was filed in the above-referenced proceeding under 49 C.F.R. § 1150.41. The verification page and the certificate of revenue in the section 1150.43(g) notice contained facsimile signatures.

Enclosed for filing in Finance Docket No. 34334 are a verification page and a certificate of revenue containing an original signature of Mr. Stephen M. Gedney.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed acknowledgment copy and returning it to our messenger.

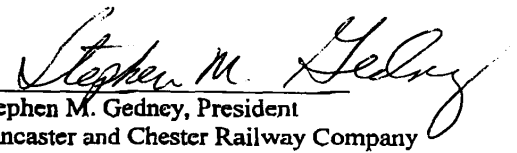
Sincerely,

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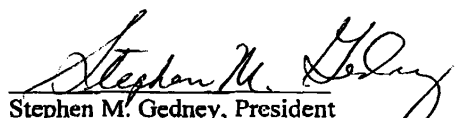
I, Stephen M. Gedney, President of Lancaster and Chester Railway Company, certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing notice of exemption is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this Verified Notice of Exemption.


Stephen M. Gedney, President
Lancaster and Chester Railway Company

Dated: April 14, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF REVENUE

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1150.43(g), I do hereby certify that the revenue projected for as a result of this transaction will not result in the creation of a class II or class I rail carrier.


Stephen M. Gedney, President
Lancaster and Chester Railway Company

Dated: April 14, 2003