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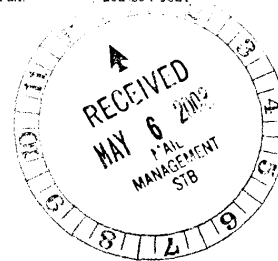
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Finance Docket No. 34335
*Keokuk Junction Railway Company--Feeder Railroad Development Application--
Line Of Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation Between La Harpe And
Hollis, IL*

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is to advise that Keokuk Junction Railway Co. ("KJRY") intends to submit a reply to the Petition for Leave to File Petition to Reject Application and Petition to Reject Application filed by Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation ("TP&W") on April 24, 2003. KJRY intends to file its reply on or before the 20-day deadline established by the Board's regulations for submission of such replies, which would be May 14, 2003. Inasmuch as TP&W's petitions are extraordinary pleadings not contemplated by the Board's regulations, KJRY respectfully submits that it should be allowed to reply to those petitions before any action on them is taken.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the extra copy hereof which is enclosed for that purpose and returning it to the individual making this filing to return to me. A copy of this letter has been sent this day to all parties of record in this matter. If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Mullins".

William A. Mullins

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record