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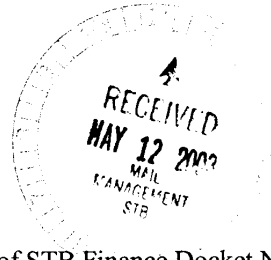


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April 29, 2003

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Dear Mr. Williams:

Please accept the enclosed Verified Statement in support of STB Finance Docket No. 34342. I have included ten (10) copies for your convenience.

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) currently services our Bogalusa, Louisiana and Orange, Texas paper mills on a daily basis. The KCS provides competitive service and rates to the Canadian National Railroad at Bogalusa and the Union Pacific Railroad at Orange. We find the KCS rates and service to be superior and of great benefit to us in our highly competitive business.

The KCS provides service to both our domestic and Mexican customers, and this transaction will enable them to provide additional service and improve our current service through Houston, Texas.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Welch
General Manager-Logistics

Enclosures

cc: Thomas J. Healey – KCS
William A. Mullins – Troutman Sanders LLP

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THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY,
GATEWAY EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, AND
THE TEXAS MEXICAN RAILWAY COMPANY

VERIFIED SUPPORT STATEMENT OF
INLAND PAPERBOARD AND PACKAGING, INC
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

by: Donald A. Welch
Inland Paperboard and Packaging, Inc
4030 Vincennes Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268

April 29, 2003

VERIFIED STATEMENT

My name is Donald A. Welch. I am General Manager-Logistics for Inland Paperboard and Packaging, Inc. I have been employed with Inland Paperboard and Packaging, Inc. for fifteen years. My transportation experience totals over twenty six years. My business address is: Inland Paperboard and Packaging, Inc., 4030 Vincennes Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

This verified statement is in support of the Kansas City Southern's (KCS) application to control the Kansas City Southern Railway company (KCSR), Gateway Eastern Railway Company (Gateway Eastern) and the Texas Mexican Railway Company (Tex Mex) filed at the Surface Transportation Board (Board).

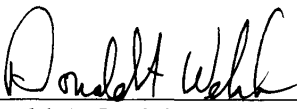
Inland Paperboard and Packaging, Inc. is a vertically integrated paper products company with six mills, fifty four corrugated container plants and forty two warehouses throughout the United States. We produce kraft linerboard and medium at our mills, and various corrugated packaging containers and trays at our plants. Our net sales for 20002 exceeded 3 billion dollars and our total transportation costs were over 200 million dollars. Our products are marketed throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Asia, and rail shipments account for 35% of our total freight movements.

We understand that KCS is seeking authority to continue to control KCS's two railroads, KCSR and Gateway Eastern and gain control of Tex Mex. KCS and Tex Mex already operate as joint venture partners and we believe this step will strengthen rail competition and provide improved service and routing for shippers on KCSR and Tex Mex. The common control of KCSR and Tex Mex is an end-to-end combination that will have no

VERIFICATION

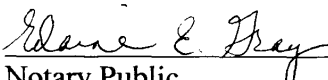
County of Marion)
) ss
State of Indiana)

Donald A. Welch, being duly sworn, deposes and says he read the foregoing statement, knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true as stated.



Donald A. Welch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 2003.



Notary Public

My Commission expires ELAINE GRAY
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR INDIANA
HENRIK COUNTY

MY COMMISSION EXP. AUG. 4, 2009