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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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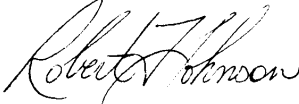
RE: *Kansas City Southern -- Control -- The Kansas City Southern Railway Company,
Gateway Eastern Railway Company, And The Texas Mexican Railway Company (STB
Finance Docket No. 34342)*

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is in support of the proposed control application of the Kansas City Southern ("KCS") to continue to control The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR") and Gateway Eastern Railway Company ("Gateway Eastern") and gain control of The Texas Mexican Railway Company ("Tex Mex"). Our company ships Chemicals, Polyurethanes and Surfactants from Port Neches, TX and Geismar, LA to various domestic US and Mexico destinations via KCS.

We support the transaction for KCS to control KCSR, Gateway Eastern, and Tex Mex. This end-to-end transaction will have no competitive harms. We believe this transaction will benefit Huntsman by facilitating improved transit times for shipments and opening the potential for us to expand our markets. We believe this transaction will improve service through Houston and provide more consistent and reliable service between the Mid-West United States to the Mexican border. Finally, we believe this transaction should proceed as a minor transaction and conclude at the earliest possible time.

Regards,



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Director-Transportation & Logistics

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