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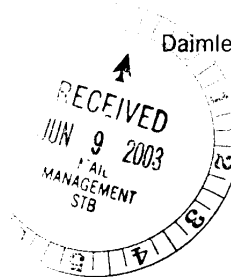
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June 3, 2003

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



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 automotive parts and materials and finished vehicles daily between Mexico and various points in the U.S., specifically, the Detroit area, Chicago, St. Louis and Newark, DE. We ship approximately 150 containers via stacktrain and 80 box cars each day.

We support the transaction for KCS to control KCSR, Gateway Eastern and 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 efficiency for shippers. We believe this transaction will benefit DaimlerChrysler Corporation by facilitating improved transit times for shipments and providing single-line consistent service from the Midwest to the Mexican border.

Finally, we believe this transaction should proceed as a minor transaction and conclude at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

Edward Sprock
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cc: Mr. Thomas J. Healey, KCSR
Mr. William A. Mullins, Troutman Sanders LLP