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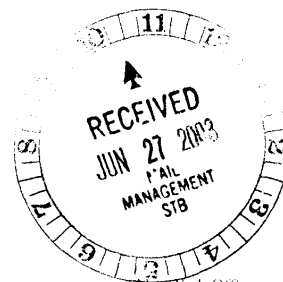
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Via Facsimile and Federal Express

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building, Room 700
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

FD 34365

**Re: New England Transrail, LLC – Notice of Exemption
Boston and Maine Railroad**

Dear Secretary Williams:

New England Transrail, LLC filed its Notice of Exemption on June 19, 2003. It should become effective on June 26, 2003. However, New England Transrail has been engaged in meetings with the community and with the staff of Congressmen Edward Markey and John Tierney. They have asked New England Transrail to delay the effective date of its exemption until July 11, 2003 as a courtesy to them.

Therefore, I would request that the Board stay the Notice of Exemption so that the exemption becomes effective on July 11, 2003 instead of June 26, 2003.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Jacobi

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cc: Congressman Edward Markey, Attn: Joe Dalton, *Via Facsimile*
Congressman John Tierney, Attn: Gary Barrett, *Via Facsimile*