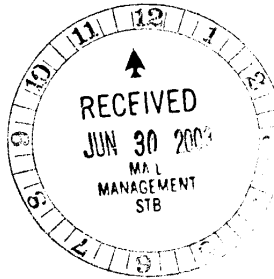


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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. AB-439 (Sub-No. 1X)** 208239
Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- Abandonment Exemption - In Dallas County, Texas

Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 16X) 208240
The Kansas City Southern Railroad Company - Discontinuance
Exemption - In Dallas County, Texas

Docket No. AB-585 208241
Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad Company -
Discontinuance Exemption - In Dallas County, Texas

Dear Secretary Williams:

On June 10, 2003, Dallas Area Rapid Transit ("DART"), The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCS") and Dallas, Garland and Northeastern Railroad Company ("DGNO") filed a Joint Notice of Exemption in the above-referenced proceeding. The STB staff has asked us to clarify certain information contained in the Joint Notice of Exemption.

We hereby confirm that no local traffic has moved over the Subject Line for at least 2 years and any overhead traffic on the Subject Line can be rerouted over other lines.

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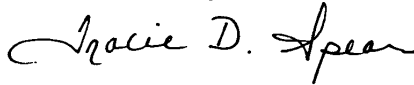
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If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracie D. Spear". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Tracie" being more prominent than the last name "Spear".

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cc: Thomas Healey, KCS
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