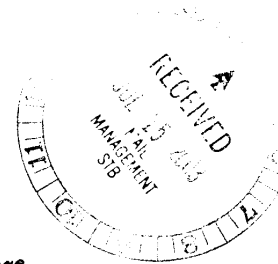


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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: *Kansas City Southern - Control - The Kansas City Southern Railway
Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company, And The Texas Mexican
Railway Company; Finance Docket No. 34342*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Yesterday, July 14, 2003, the Canadian National Railway Company ("CN") filed a Petition To Reopen Decision No. 2 And To Reject The Application. CN requested expedited handling. Under the Board's rules at 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13, Kansas City Southern ("KCS") has 20 days to file a reply, or until August 4. Given the nature of CN's request and KCS's desire to continue the proceeding in accordance with the schedule set forth in Decision No. 2, KCS will reply on or before July 21, giving KCS 7 days to file its reply.

Sincerely,

William A. Mullins

cc: Richard Streeter
Allan Van Fleet, Esq.
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