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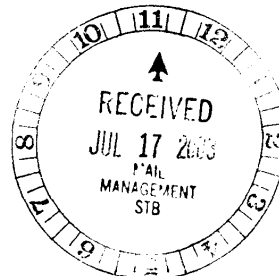
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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34342

Kansas City Southern -- Control -- The Kansas City Southern Railway Company,
Gateway Eastern Railway Company, And the Texas Mexican Railway Company

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 ("KSCR"), and Gateway Eastern Railway Company ("Gateway Eastern") and gain control of The Texas Mexican Railway Company ("Tex Mex"). Our Company ships Chemi - Thermo - Mechanical Woodpulp from Whitecourt Alberta and Meadow Lake Saskatchewan to Laredo Texas via Canadian National Railway to Jackson MS, "KCSR" to Beaumont TX and "Tex Mex" to Laredo Texas.

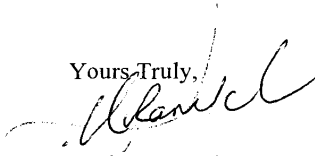
At the present time Millar Western ship approximately 15,000 m/t (220 carloads) annually via this route to Laredo Texas for furtherance to paper mills near Mexico City. Due to the extremely long route it is critical that our assigned fleet of boxcars flow as seamlessly as possible for timely deliveries to Kimberley Clark, our customer in Mexico City. Further, to achieve efficient fleet utilization, it is also crucial that our boxcars return expeditiously.

We view the addition of the "Tex Mex" to the control of "KCS" as a positive step towards a more competitive and efficient link without jeopardizing other competitive route avenues. This will ultimately force the alternatives to also create value added to their service offerings. Therefore, we support the proceeding of this minor transaction in an expedient manner.

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