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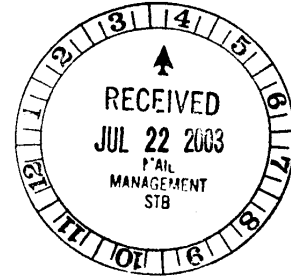
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Office of the Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Attn: STB Finance Docket No. 34342
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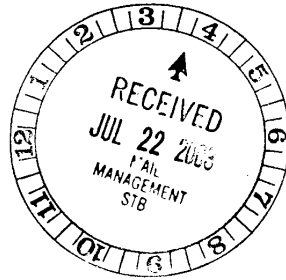
Dear Mr. Williams:

Please accept this letter as the Department of Agriculture's notice of intent to speak at the public hearing on Thursday, July 31, 2003, regarding 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*. Mr. Bill Hawks, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, requests five minutes to present his comments. Because of scheduled appointments, Mr. Hawks kindly requests that he be scheduled to make his oral statement before 11 a.m.

Sincerely,

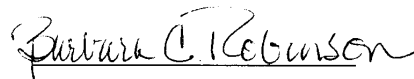
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on July 22, 2003, she caused a copy of the Department of Agriculture's notice of intent to speak at the public hearing in the case regarding 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*, to be served by first-class mail, postage paid, on all parties of record, including the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, the Attorney General of the United States, William A. Mullins, Esq., Troutman Sanders LLP, and Richard H. Streeter, Esq., Barnes & Thornburg.



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