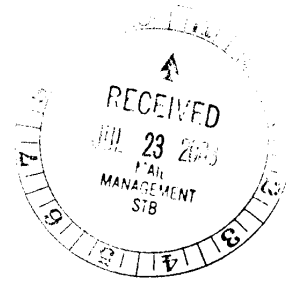


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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Dear Mr. Secretary;

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MeadWestvaco respectfully requests the opportunity to address the Surface Transportation Board at the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2003, concerning the Kansas City Southern acquisition of the Tex Mex and TFM railroads. Representing the MeadWestvaco Corporation will be:

Mr. Chris Osen
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Mr. Osen will need approximately 10 minutes to deliver comments.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and will follow up on receipt and confirmation of this request.

Sincerely,

William C. Wiggins

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Director, Transportation
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