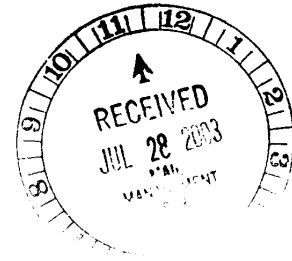




CALABRIAN CORPORATION

July 24, 2003

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



Dear Mr. Secretary:

This refers to STB Finance Docket No. 34342 regarding the Kansas City Southern application for control of the Texas Mexican Railway Company.

Calabrian Corporation is a water treatment chemical manufacturing company located near Beaumont, Texas, and uses virtually all of the major railroads in the United States including the KCS, UP, BN, NS, and CSX, as well as minor rail carriers attached to the terminals of our rail customers. Our rail customers are for the most part located throughout the United States and Canada.

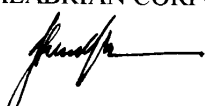
It is our belief that the application beforehand is both valid and critically essential for the continued development of this region as well as the increased employment it will undoubtedly generate. The acquisition brings more competition into this region, and probably more reliability in our opinion. Furthermore, as this seemingly would not affect competition in any other part of the United States unlike the last merger here between the UP and SP where the chemical industry was injured, there should be immediate approval from the Board for this application.

Kansas City Southern in our experience has shown to be a company operating with energy, integrity, and discipline and we feel that they would integrate the Texas Mexican Railway Company into their current operations with this same fervor.

Calabrian Corporation supports this application, and appreciates that the Board accept it.

Sincerely,

CALABRIAN CORPORATION


Helene C. Oppermann
Vice-President

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