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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW (7th fl.)
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Secretary Williams:

This refers to STB Docket Nos. AB-838, East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company-Adverse Abandonment-In St. Clair County, IL, and AB-33 (Sub-No. 199), Union Pacific Railroad Company-Adverse Discontinuance-In St. Clair County, IL, and to the Adverse Abandonment and Discontinuance Application of the Illinois Department of Transportation, tendered for filing on August 12, 2003.

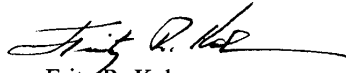
The letter of transmittal stated that, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1002.2(e)(1), the filing fee of \$16,300.00 did not accompany the Application. The cited section provides, "Filing fees are waived for an application or other proceeding which is filed by a federal agency or a state or local government entity."

Although the foregoing regulation would appear to make it unnecessary, this is a formal request that the filing fee be waived. The Application, at page 2, specifically recites that the Illinois Department of Transportation is not a railroad. By its Application it does not seek to become a railroad; nor is it a shipper. The Illinois Department of Transportation, in filing the Application, is acting in its governmental capacity. Ten copies of this letter are enclosed.

If you have any question concerning the foregoing which you believe I may be able to answer or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

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cc: Hon. Roger P. Nober