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Hon. Vernon Williams
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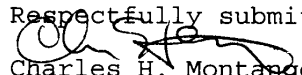
Re: City of Venice -- Abandonment Exemption,
AB 863

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to confirm that the rail line abandonment in AB 863 encompasses the entire line (all rail property) owned by City of Venice.

In addition, this is to confirm that the consummation date will be January 28, 2004 in light of the filing date.

Respectfully submitted,


Charles H. Montange
for City of Venice

cc. Darlene Evans (by fax to 202-565-9004)