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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
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Dear Secretary Williams:

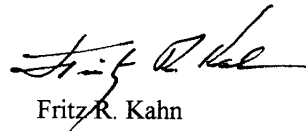
This refers to STB Finance Docket No. 34415, Ohio Department of Transportation--Petition for Declaratory Order--Status of Track at Findlay, Hancock County, OH, and to the Comments of Michigan Sugar Company, filed December 23, 2003.

Please be advised that the Ohio Department of Transportation anticipates filing its Reply on or before the due date of January 12, 2004.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed to permit your circulation of it. An additional copy is enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of it and to return to me in the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope.

Service of this letter upon all parties has been effected by facsimile transmitting copies to their representatives.

Sincerely yours,



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