

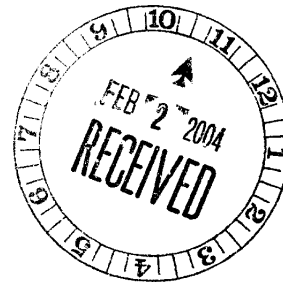
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Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Finance Docket No. 34054
Morristown and Erie Railway, Inc. – Modified Certificate
Petition of Five New Jersey Municipalities to Reopen

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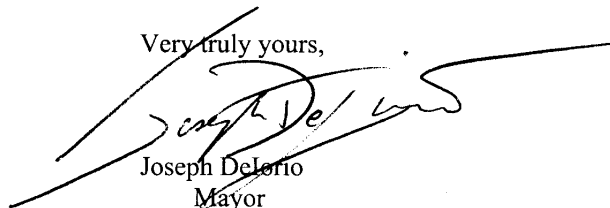
Dear Mr. Williams:

Kindly consider this letter to be in support of the pending petition of the New Jersey Municipalities of Springfield, Summit, Kenilworth, Roselle and Roselle Park to reopen the Decision of the Board dated July 5, 2002 granting a Modified Rail Certificate to Morristown and Erie Railway, Inc. to operate certain railroad lines in New Jersey.

It is believed that there are serious environmental, safety and other vital public concerns, which were not properly addressed and considered in the original proceedings before the Board. Since these circumstances were never properly addressed initially they should now be considered by the Board as sought in the pending petition.

Due to the very important public issues and concerns involved in this matter, I would urge that these proceedings be reopened as sought by the five municipalities representing their citizens and also in the interest of the citizens of New Jersey.

Very truly yours,



Joseph DeLorio
Mayor

cc: Members of Council
Township of Springfield
City of Summit
Borough of Kenilworth
Borough of Roselle
Union County Board of Freeholders
Morristown and Erie Railway