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

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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.

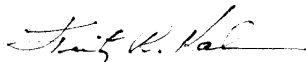
On behalf of the Ohio Department of Transportation, I am pleased to be able to report that significant progress has been made toward resolving the dispute between it and Norfolk Southern Railway Company, which may obviate the need for the Board to render a decision in this matter.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that further action be held in abeyance until March 31, 2004. I am authorized to state that counsel for Norfolk Southern Railway Company join in this request.

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 via the messenger.

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

Sincerely yours,


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