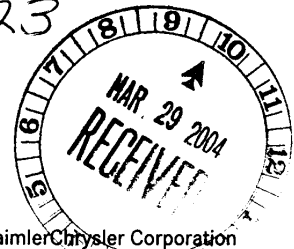


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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

**Re.: STB Finance Docket Number 33388 (Sub-No. 91)
Fifth Annual Round of the Conrail "General Oversight" Proceeding**

Dear Secretary Williams,

Please consider this letter as the DaimlerChrysler Corporation - P&S Corporate Logistics' written statement for inclusion in the above-captioned proceeding and sub-docket, specifically relating to the 3 Shared Services Areas (SAA).

In the past year, DaimlerChrysler has experienced significant operational delays in the SAAs, particularly train service into and out of the North Jersey SAA, and railcar assignment and allocation with the Detroit SAA. The greater concern is that operational and customer service levels may not be of a temporary nature and that certain commodities may be unfairly impacted by network capacity constraints. Those capacity constraints have directly resulted in the significant delay of hundreds of railcars throughout the last 9 months, impacting DaimlerChrysler's customers and jeopardizing sales. More importantly was the apparent ineffective cooperation between SAA, NS, & CSX operations in their attempts to address DaimlerChrysler's concerns.

DaimlerChrysler recommends the extension of the Conrail "General Oversight" proceeding beyond the current 5-year mandate, and at least through the next period of sustained strong level of rail activity in the SAAs, in order to provide a public forum to more clearly and openly address shipper concerns. Additionally, DaimlerChrysler feels that the extension can potentially protect shippers against:

- Further deterioration of the SAA operations and cooperation between the NS and the CSX
- Reduce the potential for operational and commercial practices abuse on behalf of the NS and the CSX
- Reduce operational plausible deniability on behalf of the NS and the CSX
- And protect against any substantive changes to the SAAs service mandate

I would be happy to make myself available to discuss our concerns in more detail and, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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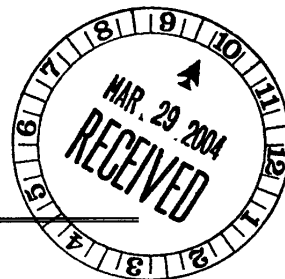
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Dear Secretary Williams,

Please find attached DaimlerChrysler's written statement regarding the above-captioned proceeding and sub-docket. Please include our statement in April 2nd's Public Hearing.

Original, and 10 hardcopies, will be couriered under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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