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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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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
Decision, served February 17, 2004.

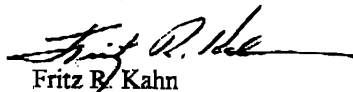
The Ohio Department of Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company are
making significant progress toward settlement of the dispute between them, which may obviate
the need for the Board to render a decision in this matter.

Accordingly, on behalf of both parties I respectfully request that the proceeding further be
held in abeyance until June 30, 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 via the
messenger.

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letter to their counsel.

Sincerely yours,


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