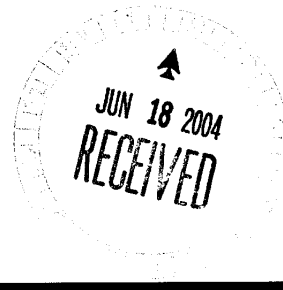




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1925 K Street, NW - Room 700
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SUBJECT: Finance Docket No. 34495, Buckingham Branch Railroad Company -
Lease - CSX Transportation, Inc.

Dear Secretary Williams:

We are in favor of the BB-CSXT Application and urge STB approval. We are served by this line and need reliable rail service and competitive rates to maintain and develop our position in the marketplace. We ship/receive approximately 2,000 carloads of aplite, an industrial mineral, annually and it is our plan to increase rail usage based on reliable five-days-per-week service.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronnie D. Conway".

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