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Hon Roger Nober, Chairman
Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Finance Docket No. 34518, Central Illinois Railroad Company B
Operation Exemption

Dear Secretary Williams:

We today received a copy of a letter dated July 2, 2004, from the attorney for Central Illinois Railroad Company alleging that Acoordination protocols for dual operations over the Kellar Branch at Peoria and Peoria Heights, IL are in place as of the date of this letter/0

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO COORDINATION PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE WHATSOEVER. There have been no discussions to date as to coordination of dual operations, let alone any agreement.

I placed a call to Attorney McFarland this morning, and was advised he is on vacation this week.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Daniel A. LaKemper

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General Counsel.

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