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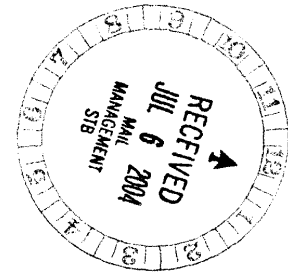
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Bldg., #711
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34462; MVC Transportation, LLC
-Acquisition Exemption-P&LE Properties, Inc.

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Dear Secretary Williams:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am writing to urge that the Surface Transportation Board give its most prompt consideration to the Petition for Expedited Declaratory Order filed by MVC Transportation, LLC on June 4, 2004 in the above captioned proceeding. Resolution of the issues presented in that Petition are crucial to important economic development projects involving the utilization of the former McKees Rocks Yard property. My office has been approached by several major companies who seek to construct or relocate plant facilities to the McKees Rocks Yard area in conjunction with the potential acquisition of that yard by CSX Transportation, Inc. The continuing availability of this yard and its track facilities for common carrier rail service is critical to these development plans and will enable the Commonwealth to support these projects which will foster revitalization of the McKees Rocks community which has been hard hit by the demise of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railway Company.

The Board's prompt consideration of these matters would therefore be deeply appreciated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you for your assistance and consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Baker Knoll

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xc: MVC Transportation, LLC