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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: Finance Docket NO. FD-34502

Dear Mr. Williams:

I respectfully request that my designation in the above proceeding be changed from "party" to non-party". My recent filing of the Railroad Retirement Board's "Report of Hearing Examiner" was to supplement the record before the STB in this proceeding and should not be construed as a notice of intent to participate.

I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Sincerely,

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