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July 9, 2004

BY HAND

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

**RE: STB Docket No. 34495, Buckingham Branch
Railroad Company - Lease - CSX Transportation, Inc.,**

**Notice of Intent to Participate filed by
the Eastern Shore Railroad, Inc.**

**ENTERED
Office of Proceedings**

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Public Record**

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Eastern Shore Railroad, Inc. ("ESHR"), in connection with the above-captioned matter. By decision served June 22, 2004, the Board accepted an application filed in that matter under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 11321-6 by the Buckingham Branch Railroad Company ("Buckingham") and CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), whereby Buckingham proposes to lease from CSXT a 199.7 mile line of railroad between Clifton Forge and AM Junction, VA. The Board's decision states that any person who wishes to participate in this proceeding as a party of record must file, no later than July 9, 2004, a notice of intent to participate.

By exemption served in FD No. 34313, on March 11, 2003, ESHR operates the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Line between MP 5.0 at Pleasant Valley and MP 25.2 at Stanton, VA, where it connects with the railroad line which is the subject of the instant proceeding. ESHR fears that the proposed lease transaction will adversely affect its interest. Accordingly, ESHR advises the Board and the parties of its intent to participate in this proceeding.

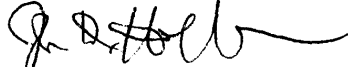
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Hon. Vernon A. Williams

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Heffner", written in a cursive style.

John D. Heffner

Counsel for

Eastern Shore Railroad, Inc.

cc: Mr. Larry E. LeMond
All parties