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July 30, 2004

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

Re: Ex Parte No. 647 Class Exemption for Expedited Abandonment Procedure
For Class II and Class III Railroads.

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is to advise that West Virginia Department of Transportation, State Rail Authority does not intend to make an oral presentation at the hearing scheduled for August 11, 2004 in the captioned matter, but does reserve its right to file written comments in response to any rule-making procedures that may be instituted by the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Hartman".

William Hartman
Acting Executive Director

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