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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Re: CSX Corp. et al. – Control and Operating Leases/Agreements – Conrail Inc. et al., Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-Nos. 95 through 99); Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company–Lease and Operation Exemption–Norfolk and Western Railway Co.’s Dock at Huron, OH, Finance Docket No. 32516 (Sub-No. 1); Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company–Trackage Rights Exemption–Norfolk and Western Ry., Finance Docket No. 32525 (Sub-No. 1).

Dear Secretary Williams:

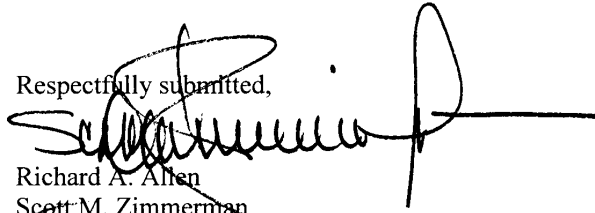
We are writing on behalf of Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company (collectively, “Norfolk Southern”) and the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company (“W&LE”) to clarify a statement in the Joint Petition filed by Norfolk Southern and W&LE on August 6, 2004 in the referenced dockets.

At page 25, in the paragraph summarizing W&LE’s grant of trackage rights to Norfolk Southern between Clairton, PA and Bellevue, OH (the transaction to which the notice of exemption in Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 98) pertains), the Joint Petition states: “W&LE will use its best efforts to permit NS to obtain the trackage rights between Jewett and Bowerston, reflecting the fact that W&LE’s rights over that segment are themselves trackage rights over the Ohio Central Railroad.” Norfolk Southern and W&LE wish to clarify that the referenced line segment between Jewett and Bowerston, over which W&LE has trackage rights, is owned by the State of Ohio and is operated by The Columbus & Ohio River Rail Road Company (“C&OR”), which is an operating affiliate railroad of the Ohio Central Railroad System. The C&OR is the actual grantor of the W&LE’s present trackage rights over that segment.

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Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Scott M. Zimmerman, is written over the text "Respectfully submitted," and the names "Richard A. Allen" and "Scott M. Zimmerman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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