

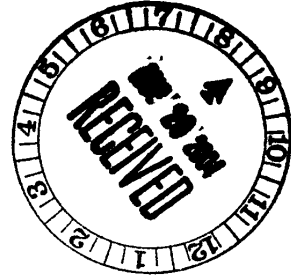
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Vernon A. Williams
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Re: Ex Parte No. 647
Class Exemption for Expedited Abandonment
Procedure for Class II and Class III Railroads

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please withdraw the July 26, 2004, request to participate at the public hearing in this matter, now scheduled for August 30, 2004, on behalf of John D. Fitzgerald, General Chairman for United Transportation Union.

It is desired that the written statement, filed August 3, 2004, in anticipation of the August 11, 2004 public hearing, be distributed to the members and included in the record.

Very truly yours,

Gordon P. MacDougall
Atty. for John D. Fitzgerald

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