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

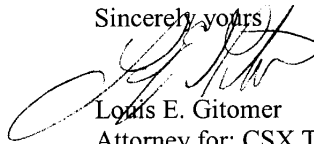
Dear Secretary Williams:

As required by Decision No. 4, Buckingham Branch Railroad Company ("BB") and CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), jointly referred to as Applicants, notify the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") that Robert E. Bryant, President, and Keith G. O'Brien will appear on behalf of BB, and that Peter J. Shudtz, Vice President-Regulatory Affairs & Washington Counsel, and Louis E. Gitomer will appear on behalf of CSXT. Applicants request 30-minutes, or the total amount of time granted to other parties, whichever is greater, to present opening argument and rebuttal.

Applicants intend to address the ability of BB to operate and maintain the leased line and competitive impact of the lease, the criteria governing the proposed transaction under 49 U.S.C. § 11324(d), and the validity of the proposed lease.

Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



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