

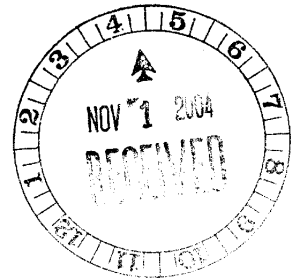
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Re: *Kansas City Southern - Control - The Kansas City Southern Railway
Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company, And The Texas Mexican
Railway Company; Finance Docket No. 34342
Ninth Status Report*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Kansas City Southern ("KCS") files this Ninth Status Report in keeping with the Surface Transportation Board's decision served herein on August 31, 2004 ("Decision No. 11"). Decision No. 11 requires KCS to file "status reports only as to its efforts to acquire control of TFM." Since the filing of the Seventh and Eighth status reports on October 6 and October 8, 2004, respectively, there has been no change in the status of KCS's efforts to acquire control of TFM.

Sincerely,

William A. Mullins

cc: Parties of Record