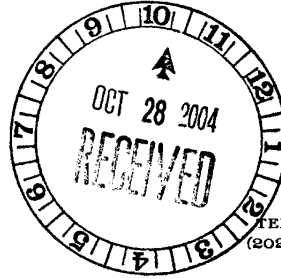


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BY HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 711
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 34540, The Columbus & Ohio River
Rail Road Company – Acquisition and Operation Exemption
– Rail Lines of CSX Transportation, Inc. from Columbus to
Newark, Ohio and from Mt. Vernon to Cambridge, Ohio

Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 22, 2004, The Columbus and Ohio River Rail Road Company (“CUOH”) submitted a filing entitled Supplemental Information Regarding the Notice of Exemption that CUOH previously had filed in this proceeding. This Supplemental Information related to certain minor changes in the parties’ agreement, resulting in a slight increase in the number of miles subject to the contemplated acquisition.

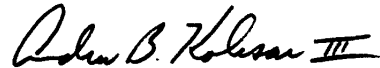
On Wednesday, October 27, 2004, we received a telephone call from a member of the Board’s staff indicating that since these changes were reported after the date of the Board’s formal notice of the exemption, an additional filing fee would be required. Pursuant to that instruction, we have enclosed a check in the amount of \$1,400.00 to cover the additional fee.

Finally, we note that the Board’s staff also requested that we indicate in this letter that the Board would continue to use the existing docket number for this proceeding.

The Hon. Vernon A. Williams
October 28, 2004
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew B. Kolesar III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "A" and "K".

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