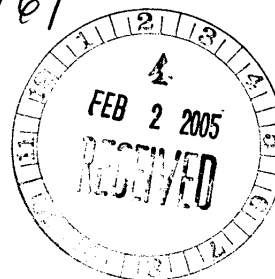


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RE: Finance Docket No. 34335
Keokuk Junction Railway Co.--Feeder Railroad Development Application
--Line Of Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation Between
La Harpe and Hollis, IL

Dear Secretary Williams:

Keokuk Junction Railway Co. ("KJRY") hereby submits copies of two additional letters that it has received from shippers requesting that the Board reconsider the extension of the closing deadline in this case and instead order an expedited closing. These two shippers, Good Hope Fertilizer, Inc. and Elkem Carbon, each express their disappointment at the Board's decision extending the closing deadline and state their desire for renewed rail service over the line. Accordingly, each requests an expedited closing on this sale.

An original and eleven copies of this letter and attachments are enclosed. Please time stamp the eleventh copy and return it to the courier for delivery to me. By my signature below, I certify that I have on this date caused copies of this submission to be delivered to Louis E. Gitomer and Gordon P. MacDougall by courier, and to be served on other parties of record by first class mail.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Mullins
Attorney for Keokuk Junction Railway Co.

Enclosures
cc: All Parties of Record

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GOOD HOPE FERTILIZER, INC.

Monday, January 31, 2005

Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of the Board:

Good Hope Fertilizer, Inc., located at Good Hope, IL, is between La Harpe, IL and Hollis, IL. We understand that the closing on the sale of this rail line has again been postponed. No rail service has been available over this line for several years, therein limiting transportation opportunities by which businesses are able to move product in and out of the area. Good Hope Fertilizer, Inc. would like the opportunity for competitive pricing on receipt of its fertilizers. We are very supportive of having rail service restored on the line as soon as possible, therein giving us a competitive option in which to move our products.

We are looking forward to an expedited closing on the sale of the line from TPW to KJRY and to the rail opportunities that will be made available to our facility.

Regards,

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Tuesday, February 01, 2005

Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of the Board:

Elkem Carbon-Keokuk is a shipper on the Keokuk Junction Railway ("KJRY") located in Keokuk, IA. As there has been no rail service available over this line from La Harpe, Illinois to Hollis, IL for nearly three years, our ability to acquire competitive routes and rates has been lost. We were awaiting the closing of this sale from the TPW to the KJRY which was to have taken place January 26, 2005 so we could once again look at competitive pricing for the products we receive and ship.

Elkem Carbon-Keokuk is disappointed in the board granting an extension on the closing of this line and further delaying these routing options.

Elkem Carbon-Keokuk strongly supports an expedited closing on this sale so we may once again explore additional rail opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel C. Buckert'.

Daniel C. Buckert
Traffic Coordinator

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