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February 14, 2005

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: STB Docket No. EX PARTE NO. 230, IMPROVEMENT OF
TOFC/COFC REGULATION, WTL Rail Corporation
Petition for Partial Revocation of Exemption**

STB Docket No. 42090, WTL Rail Corporation
Petition for Declaratory Relief

SUB-NO. 8

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Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Petitioner WTL Rail Corporation ("WTL"), I am filing an original and ten copies of this letter request to hold in abeyance the above-captioned proceedings for 30 days.

On February 8, 2005, the Board served a decision granting a request by CSX Transportation and CSX Intermodal ("CSX collectively") for an extension until February 15, 2005, for CSX's reply to WTL's petitions. WTL and CSX jointly desire to initiate settlement discussions and request that these proceedings be held in abeyance to permit those discussions to go forward. The parties will report back to the Board on March 15, 2005, as to the status of those discussions and as to when CSX's reply, if any, should be due. I am authorized to represent that CSX concurs in this request.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Heffner

cc: David Konschnik, Esq. (by fax)
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