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By electronic mail

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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 34518, *Central Illinois Railroad Company -- Operation Exemption -- Rail Line of the City of Peoria and the Village of Peoria Heights in Peoria and Peoria Heights, Peoria County, IL*

Finance Docket No. 34636, *Pioneer Industrial Railway Company -- Petition for Declaratory Order*

Dear Mr. Williams:

On February 23, 2005, the Board served a decision in the above proceedings. At page 5 of that decision it was stated that Central Illinois Railroad Company (CIRY) cannot operate the Kellar Branch until coordination protocols are in place for dual operation of the Branch along with Pioneer Industrial Railway Company (PIRY). It was suggested that within 30 days, the parties should jointly certify that protocols are in place or bring the matter to the Board for mediation.

In behalf of CIRY, this is to advise that CIRY will not attempt to operate the Branch until a pending adverse discontinuance proceeding involving attempted cessation of PIRY operations is resolved on a final basis. In light of that advice, coordination protocols are not required at this time. The undersigned has spoken with Daniel LaKemper, Esq., counsel for PIRY, who expressed agreement that coordination protocols are not required in view of the position taken by CIRY.

Very truly yours,

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