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Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Finance Docket: 34527, Petition of Maumee & Western Railroad Corporation
and RMW Ventures, LLC for Declaration or Revocation of CSX Transportation, Inc.
Crossing Rights at Defiance, Ohio

Dear Secretary Williams:

On July 12, 2004, Maumee & Western Railroad Company and RMW Ventures, LLC filed a Petition for Declaration or Revocation of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s crossing rights at Defiance, Ohio. On August 6, 2004, counsel for Petitioner and Respondent requested an opportunity to utilize the mediation procedures of the Board to resolve this matter. Since that time, the parties have exchanged correspondence and information regarding their respective positions, but it now is evident to Petitioners that CSX Transportation, Inc. is either unwilling or unable to address these matters so as to provide a timely and satisfactory solution for Petitioners' commercial and operational requirements.

Accordingly, Petitioners hereby notify the Board that they are withdrawing from mediation and request that the Board place the Petition for Declaration or Revocation of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s crossing rights at Defiance, Ohio on its active docket and proceed with a timely determination of this matter.

Enclosed are the original and ten copies of this letter. Please time stamp and date the

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additional copy of this letter and return it to the undersigned in the enclosed self addressed, stamped envelope provided. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD R. WILSON, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard R. Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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