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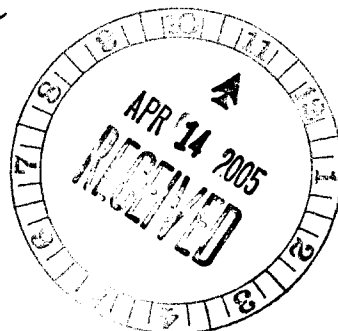
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BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon L. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit: STB Ex Parte No. 657
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Ex Parte No. 657 – Rail Rate Challenges under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology

Dear Mr. Williams:

Transportation Economics, Inc. respectfully withdraws its request to partake in the Surface Transportation Board's April 26, 2005 Public Hearing on Rail Rate Challenges under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology (Ex Parte No. 657).

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced proceeding are an original and 10 copies of this withdrawal letter. Also enclosed is one CD with an electronic copy of this letter in Microsoft Word Format.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed by stamping and returning a copy to our representative.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mazhar Ali Awan,
Managing Director

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