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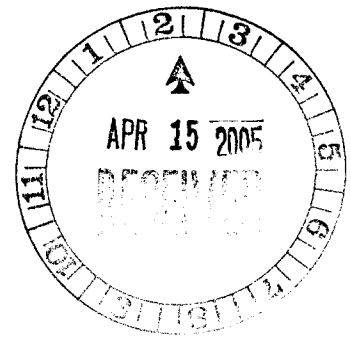
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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RE: STB Ex Parte No. 657, *Rail Rate Challenges Under the Stand Alone Cost Methodology*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Notice of Public Hearing served on February 16, 2005 and the Board's decision served March 14, 2005, this letter is to inform the Board that The National Industrial Transportation League ("League") intends to participate in the above-noted proceeding. The League requests 15 minutes to speak at the hearing that is presently scheduled for April 26, 2005. Appearing at the hearing for the League will be Mr. John Ficker, the League's President. He will be accompanied by Mr. Nicholas DiMichael, the League's counsel.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. DiMichael