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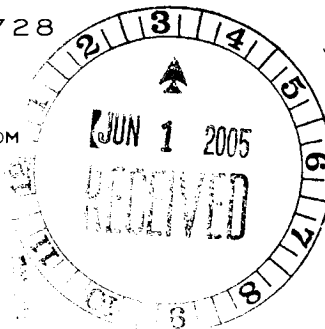
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Re: BP Amoco Chemical Company v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company,
STB Docket No. 42093

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Board's Staff inquired of the undersigned, by telephone, on Tuesday, May 31, 2005, whether BP Amoco Chemical Company ("BP"), Complainant in the above-referenced proceeding, agreed with the suggestion of Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS"), Respondent therein, in its letter of May 26, 2005, that the formal rate-complaint process be stayed while mediation is ongoing. BP agrees to the stay during mediation; however, it reserves the right if, after good-faith and timely efforts have been expended, to reactivate the formal rate-complaint process.

BP believes that it would be reasonable for NS to agree, during the mediation, to hold to the last rate and terms quoted by NS during negotiations with BP [REDACTED]. In return for NS's agreement to hold to the rate and terms last quoted in negotiations with BP during the mediation process, BP would withdraw its request for an injunction at this time, while reserving the right to renew its request for an injunction if mediation does not succeed.

Respectfully submitted,

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