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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Finance Docket No. 28676 (Sub No.-5) (Arbitration Review)

Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 11 and again on October 18, 2005, Larry Thornton submitted letters to the Board under the above docket number. As demonstrated by their text, both of these letters arise out of Mr. Thornton's ongoing dispute with the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, and having nothing to do with the petition for review filed by Mr. Thornton in this case. Instead, both of Mr. Thornton's most recent filings appear to address only what he perceives to be improprieties in the substance and ratification procedures for a new collective bargaining agreement covering BRC employees on the Grand Trunk Western Railroad. That agreement was not at issue (and indeed could not have been at issue) in the arbitration proceeding out of which the instant appeal arose. Simply put, this case is not the proper forum for Mr. Thornton to air any and all disputes he may have with his former union, and his repeated efforts to do so under the guise of supplementing the record in this matter are improper. Accordingly, the Carrier respectfully requests that Mr. Thornton's filings on October 11 and October 18, 2005 be stricken from the record in this case.

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Rolfes

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Enclosure

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