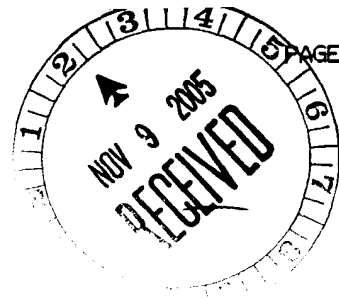




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Re: Maumee & Western Railroad Company and RMW Ventures, LLC - Petition for
Declaratory Order - CSX Transportation, Inc.; Crossing Rights at Defiance, OH; Finance Docket
No: 34527

Dear Sir:

On October 27, 2005 Respondent, CSX Transportation, Inc., filed pleadings in the above captioned proceeding which contain an alternative crossing proposal. The parties believe that this proposal merits further discussion and clarification to determine whether or not it may provide a basis for resolution of the issues pending in this docket. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board grant a fifteen day extension in the filing date for Petitioners' rebuttal statement in this proceeding to facilitate these negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

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