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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 34839, *Norfolk Southern Railway Company-Control and Consolidation Exemption-Algers, Winslow and Western Railway Company*

EXPEDITED HANDLING REQUESTED

Dear Secretary Williams:

On February 14, 2006, the Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") filed with the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") a Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 11323 (the "Petition"). NSR is seeking the exemption to acquire the 50% of the outstanding stock of the Algers, Winslow and Western Railway Company ("AWW") that is not owned by NSR and to apparently merge AWW into NSR.

The Indiana Southern Railroad, Inc. ("ISRR") and NSR are the only two railroads that interchange traffic with the AWW. ISRR is reviewing the proposed merger to determine the extent of the competitive effects, and seeking to discuss those effects with NSR. ISRR has also been contacted by a number of electric utility companies located in Indiana that are not located on NSR served lines, and that are concerned about the availability of coal by rail from the mines located on the AWW that will be reopened shortly.

The regulations governing the filing of petitions for exemption (49 C.F.R. Part 1121) do not contain a time period for the filing of replies. Under 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13(a) a reply must be filed within 20 days of any pleading.

Because of the potential competitive issues involved, the concern of a number of utility customers of ISRR, and ISRR's need to discuss these issues with NSR, ISRR respectfully requests the Board to grant a 10-day extension of time for the filing of replies to the Petition until March 16, 2006.

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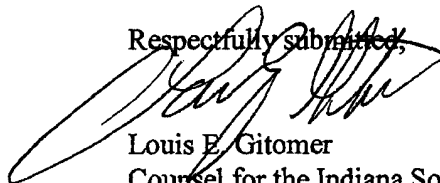
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This extension request has been discussed with counsel for NSR, and we have been informed that NSR will not object to the extension.

This letter is being efiled with the Board. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis E. Gitomer", is written over the typed name and title.

Louis E. Gitomer

Counsel for the Indiana Southern Railroad, Inc.

cc: Mr. Allen
Mr. Mills