

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, D.C.**

The Indiana Rail Road Company -- Acquisition --)
Lines of Soo Line Railroad Company in Illinois and)
Indiana)
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Finance Docket No. 34783

**NOTICE OF THE INDIANA RAIL ROAD COMPANY AND SOO
LINE RAILROAD COMPANY RELATING TO REBUTTAL DUE MARCH 8**

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The Board's January 13, 2006 decision establishing a schedule for this proceeding set February 21, 2006 as the date by which comments, protests, requests for conditions and evidence in opposition to the Application be filed. As the Board is aware, no party has filed any comments, protests, requests for conditions or otherwise opposed the Application.

The Board set March 8, 2006 as the date by which the Applicants should file rebuttal evidence in support of their Application. In the absence of any opposition to the Application, Applicants will file no rebuttal evidence on March 8, 2006.

In view of the fact there is no opposition to the Application, there appears to be no reason to hold either a public hearing or an oral argument. The Applicants believe that the

evidentiary phase of this case can be considered complete and the Board can move to a final decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 7th day of March, 2006, I caused a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF THE INDIANA RAIL ROAD COMPANY AND THE SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY REGARDING REBUTTAL DUE MARCH 8 to be served on parties of record to this proceeding by depositing copies thereof, postage prepaid, in the United States mails addressed to counsel for such parties listed below.

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