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Re: Ex Parte No. 657 (Sub-No. 1), Major Issues in Rail Rate Cases

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's decision served February 27, 2006 in the above-referenced proceeding, the Concerned Captive Coal Shippers hereby advise the Board that they intend to participate in the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,



C. Michael Loftus
An Attorney for the Concerned Captive
Coal Shippers