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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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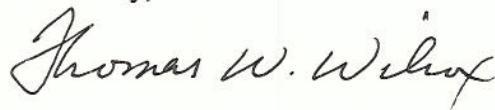
Re: Ex Parte No. 661 – Railroad Fuel Surcharges

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is being filed on behalf of The AES Corporation ("AES"), and serves as notice that AES intends to participate in the referenced proceeding. AES hereby requests an allotment of 15 minutes of time at the hearing scheduled for May 11, 2006 to present testimony on the subjects set forth in the March 14, 2006 Notice of Public Hearing in this docket.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned at 202-274-2913.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Wilcox
An attorney for The AES Corporation

cc: Marc Michael, Esquire