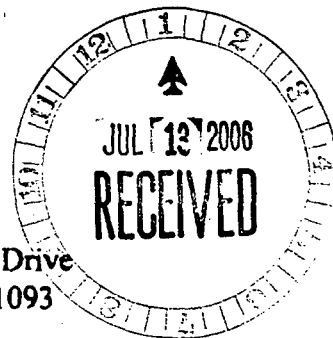


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TO: Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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FROM: James Riffin
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July 13, 2006



RE: Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1185X), *Consolidated Rail Corporation -- Abandonment
Exemption in Mercer County, NJ*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The due date for filing a Notice of Intent to File and Offer of Financial Assistance in the above entitled case is today, July 13, 2006. I am faxing to your office a copy of the Notice of Intent to file an Offer of Financial Assistance that I will be sending to the Board via overnight delivery.

Respectfully,


James Riffin

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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**



STB DOCKET NO. AB-167 (Sub- No. 1185X)

**CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION
IN MERCER COUNTY, NJ**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN
OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

1. James Riffin ("Riffin"), pursuant to the applicable regulations of the Surface Transportation Board ("STB" or "Board") herewith files his formal Notice of Intent to File an Offer of Financial Assistance, to purchase from the Consolidated Rail Corporation ("Conrail") that portion of a line of railroad known as the Robbinsville Industrial Track, between milepost 32.20 and milepost 37.90, in the cities of Hamilton Township and Washington Township, Mercer County, New Jersey, a distance of 5.7 miles more or less, which line of railroad is the subject of the above entitled proceeding ("Line"). The line traverses Postal Zip Codes 08620 and 08520.

2. Riffin is a financially responsible person. Riffin has, or within a reasonable time will have, the financial resources to fulfill all of his proposed contractual obligations.

3. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27 (a), Riffin requests Conrail provide Riffin and the Board with the information specified in 49 CFR 1152.27 (a), and the following additional information:

A. An estimate of the annual subsidy and minimum purchase price required to keep the Line or a portion of the Line in operation;

B. Conrail's most recent reports on the physical condition of that part of the Line involved in the proposed abandonment or discontinuance;

C. Traffic, revenue, and other data necessary to determine the amount of annual financial assistance which would be required to continue rail transportation over the Line, including, but not limited to:

a. A copy of any agreements Conrail, or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, is a party to, which pertain in any way to the Line, including but not limited to, any Freight Operating Rights, Freight Operating Easement(s) and any related Operating Agreements or Leases, and any agreements Conrail has, or contemplates having, involving the State of New Jersey, or any other New Jersey State or Local agency or entity, hereinafter "State of New Jersey."

b. A copy of all papers, documents or agreements Conrail has received, has in its possession, or has knowledge of, which pertain in any way to any agreements any present, former or potential shipper, have made which pertain in any way to the use of, or non-use of, the Line, including but not limited to any agreement(s) any shipper on the Line has made with the State of New Jersey.

D. Any other information which relates to Conrail's present or prior use of the Line, including but not limited to:

a. The number of times the Line was used in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, and the number of rail cars delivered to and / or the number of rail cars received from, each shipper on the line, for each time the Line was used;

b. The number of times the Line was unavailable for Conrail's use in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, and the reason(s) why the Line was unavailable;

c. The date the Line was taken out-of-service, if the Line was taken out of service;

d. The speed limits on the Line, and any other restrictions which pertain to the use of the Line, by Milepost;

e. Which switches on the Line Conrail train crews may operate, and which switches on the Line are exclusively controlled by a centralized traffic control system. Which switches the train crew must wait at while a remote switch operator throws the switch, and the average amount of time the train crew had to wait for the switch to be thrown.

f. A summary of all disagreements, misunderstandings, or points of contention between Conrail and the State of New Jersey or any other party or entity, concerning Conrail's use of the Line during 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005;

g. An indication of where Riffin would interchange rail traffic with Conrail;

h. A copy of a proposed interchange agreement;

Respectfully submitted,


James Riffin

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 13th day of July, 2006, a copy of the foregoing Notice of Intent to File an Offer of Financial Assistance, was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon John K. Enright, 1000 Howard Boulevard, 4th Floor, Mt. laurel, NJ 08054, and to the other parties of record noted below.


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