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Hon. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Mercury Building, #711  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: *Review of Rail Access and Competition  
Issues – Renewed Petition of the  
Western Coal Traffic League  
STB Ex Parte No. 575*

Dear Secretary Williams:

We are writing this letter to inform the Board that Wayne Michel, President of Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company ("RBMN"), has determined that he will not be able to appear at the Board's public hearing scheduled in this matter for July 27, 2006.

Nonetheless, RBMN wants to be clear that it strongly supports the Board's institution of a rulemaking in this matter.

RBMN understands that since it will not be providing testimony at the hearing, the summary of testimony it previously submitted will not be made part of the public record.

We appreciate the Board's courtesy in allocating time to RBMN, and apologize for any inconvenience caused by this withdrawal.

Respectfully,

  
Eric M. Hocky

cc: Wayne A. Michel

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