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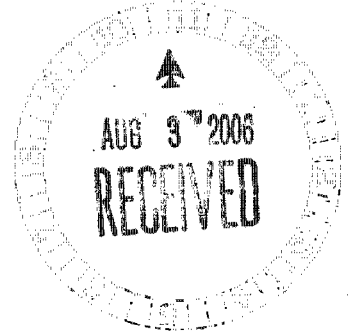
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VIA EXPRESS DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams,
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August 2, 2006



Re: Request to Withdraw Filing - STB Finance Docket No. 34916, Central Illinois Railroad Holdings, LLC – Acquisition of Control Exemption – Central Illinois Railroad Co.

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to my conversation today with Mr. Marc Lerner, Branch Chief in Office of Proceedings, I am respectfully requesting to withdraw my Acquisition of Control Exemption filed July 28, 2006. It is my understanding from my discussions with Mr. Lerner that this filing is not required.

I apologize to you and your staff for this error and the time and effort expended by all that now seems was unnecessary.

Enclosed herewith please find an original and 11 copies of this letter as well as a return envelope. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by stamping the enclosed 11th copy and returning it to me in the enclosed, fee-paid envelope.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at the address and phone listed above. If I am unavailable at the time of your call, please feel free to speak with Mr. John A. Darling in my absence. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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