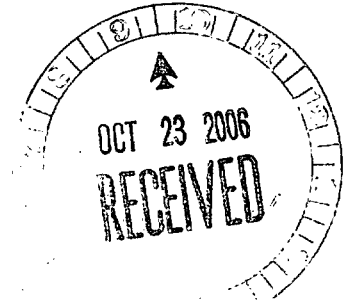


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RE: Finance Docket 34917, Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. – Alternative Rail
Service – Central Illinois Railroad Co.

October 18, 2006

Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention that the Pioneer Industrial Railway is petitioning the Surface Transportation Board to resume providing rail service along the Kellar Branch. Our business, O'Brien Steel Service Co., is located at the beginning of the Kellar Branch and is the largest receiver/shipper along the Kellar Branch. For the past year we have enjoyed a good working relationship with and excellent service from Central Illinois Railroad. Prior to commencement of service by Central Illinois Railroad we were served by Pioneer. Our relationship with Pioneer was contentious and a constant struggle.

O'Brien Steel Service Co. is very satisfied with our current service provider along the Kellar Branch and is strongly opposed to being forced to accept service from Pioneer Industrial Railway. Please do not allow Pioneer to resume providing rail service to O'Brien Steel Service Co.

Sincerely,

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President

Cc: via regular mail

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