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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W. Room 711
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34918, Keokuk Junction Railway Co. d/b/a
Peoria & Western Railway – Lease and Operation Exemption – BNSF
Railway Company between Vermont and Farmington, Illinois**

Dear Secretary Williams:

As the Board is aware, Ameren Energy Fuels and Services (AFS) and Keokuk Junction Railway Company (KJRY) have been engaged in negotiations regarding the above referenced proceeding. On October 18, KJRY filed an Answer to AFS' Motion to Compel and requested that the matter be held in abeyance for fourteen days. Those negotiations are still ongoing and Ameren requests that the proceeding be held in abeyance an additional fourteen days or until November 15 to see if an agreement can be reached. KJRY has agreed to this request.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-274-2959. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,


Sandra L. Brown

cc: Dan LaKemper, KJRY via email