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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Sec'y
Surface Transportation Board
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via E-Filing and Regular Mail

November 28, 2006

Re: Docket Number FD 34963 James Riffin DBA The Raritan Valley Connecting Railroad

Dear Secretary Williams;

Please be advised that W. R. Allen Associates intends to participate as a Party of Record in the above captioned proceeding.

The line in question is the same line which was the subject of STB Finance Docket No. 33999_0 *Somerset Terminal Railroad Corporation-Operation Exemption-A Line of Railroad Owned by Joseph C. Horner*; STB Finance Docket No. 34267_0 *Morristown & Erie Railway Inc. – Operation Exemption – Somerset Terminal Railroad Corporation*; and STB Finance Docket No. 34551_0 *Standard Terminal Railroad of New Jersey, Inc.-Acquisition Exemption–Rail Line of Joseph C. Horner*.

The exact nature of the connection of this line with the General Railroad System of the United States is also currently the subject of STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 100) *CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc, Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company — Control and Operating Leases / Agreements — Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation*.

Further, the undersigned believes that the issue of title to the underlying property was effectively resolved by action of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey in Docket Number 02-05425-RTL *Horner et al v. Somerset Terminal Railroad Corporation et al*.

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In view of the issues raised by the instant notice, we urge the board to grant Norfolk Southern's request for a housekeeping stay of the notice in order to allow counsel to time to properly review the matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely;
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