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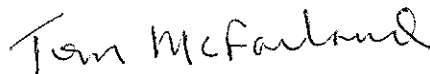
Re: Finance Docket No. 34917, *Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. -- Alternative Rail Service -- Central Illinois Railroad Company*

Dear Mr. Williams:

The short but complete responses to the Motion to Strike filed by Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. (PIRY) on November 22, 2006 are:

- (1) The allegations of hearsay and unsubstantiation go to the weight to be accorded the evidence in question, not to its admissibility; and
- (2) The evidence was timely filed within the 20-day period for replies in 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13(a) (initial filing date of October 17, 2006; reply filing date of November 6, 2006).

Respectfully submitted,



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