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DATE: December 6, 2006

RE: Clarification of ¶ 1 (g) of the Verified Notice of Exemption filed in FD No. 34963.

TO: Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board

Dear Mr. Williams:

Attached is a revised page two, to replace page two of the Corrected Notice of Exemption, filed with the Board on November 29, 2006. The revised page two makes it clear that the projected annual revenues of the Applicant's existing line of railroad, located in Allegany County, Maryland, when combined with the projected annual revenues of the additional line of railroad the Applicant seeks to acquire (located in Somerset County, New Jersey), will not exceed the limits for a Class III railroad (will not exceed \$5,000,000.00).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Riffin".

James Riffin
Applicant

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(d): James Riffin, dba The Raritan Valley Connecting Railroad, or his designee, will be the operator of the property.

(e): The following is a brief summary of the proposed activity:

The Applicant proposes to acquire and operate approximately 1.25 miles of line, known as the Raritan Valley Connecting Track (Line Code 0326, Sub. No. 1038), between the northerly sideline of the Lehigh Valley Line [at former Delaware & Bound Brook ("D&BB") (now Trenton Line) MP 57.25], Manville Borough, and the intersection of the line with the southerly sideline of the former Central Railroad Company of New Jersey Raritan Valley Line, now New Jersey Transit's Raritan Valley Commuter Line, [at former D&BB (now Trenton Line) MP 58.50], all in Somerset County, New Jersey. Applicant proposes to interchange with CSX Transportation and / or with Norfolk Southern Railway Corporation, and / or with Conrail. Applicant proposes to commence these activities within 90 days from the date this Verified Notice of Exemption is filed. The transferor of the Raritan Valley Connecting Track line, will be either Bridgewater Resources, Inc., a non-carrier, whose address is 15 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, or Conrail. [In a deed dated August 24, 1995, recorded in the Land Records of Somerset County, New Jersey, at Liber BK 2031 folio 320 *et. al.*, Conrail transferred all of its title and interest in this portion of the former D&BB line, to Joseph C. Horner, an individual. Mr. Horner in turn has leased this line to Bridgewater Resources, Inc. ("BRI"). If Conrail received authority from the Interstate Commerce Commission to sell this line segment, then BRI has title to the line. If the Commission did not approve the sell of this line segment, and if the Board sets aside the unauthorized sale of the line, then Conrail, or its successor in title, would still have title to this line segment.]

(f): A map is attached hereto.

(g): The Applicant certifies that the projected annual revenues of the Applicant's existing line of railroad, when combined with the projected annual revenues of the additional line of railroad the Applicant seeks to acquire (located in Somerset County, New Jersey), will not exceed the limits for a Class III railroad (will not exceed \$5,000,000.00).

2. Caption Summary required by 49 CFR §1150.44 is attached.

3. Environmental and Historical Impact: