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

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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34753, Central Illinois
Railway Company - Operation Exemption - Rail Line
of the City of Peoria, IL

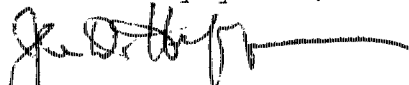
Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Central Illinois Railway Company ("CIRY") to request a short extension in the above-captioned proceeding. On November 28, 2006, Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. ("Pioneer"), filed a petition with the Board to revoke the exemption that CIRY had previously obtained in this docket. The due date for CIRY's response would normally be today, December 18, 2006.

I have recently been retained to represent CIRY as its Washington transportation counsel and have just received the files to permit me to respond to Pioneer's revocation request. Accordingly, I request an extension until Thursday December 21, 2006, to submit a response. I have advised Office of Proceedings Director David Konschnik of my request. In addition, I am authorized to represent that Pioneer counsel Daniel LaKemper consents to this request.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,


John D. Heffner
Counsel

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