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VIA E-FILE

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

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34974, *Keokuk Junction Railway Co. d/b/a Peoria & Western Railway – Lease and Operation Exemption – BNSF Railway Company*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Ameren Energy Fuels and Services Company ("Ameren") asserts that the letter filed by Keokuk Junction Railway Co. d/b/a Peoria & Western Railway ("KJRY") on February 6, 2007 should be stricken as an impermissible reply to a reply. KJRY's Petition and Ameren's Reply each speaks for itself and the record in this matter is closed. As previously stated, Ameren considered mediation in good faith and Ameren rejects KJRY's inaccurate characterizations of Ameren's decision to not participate in the mediation.

Further, KJRY's monotonous assertions alleging Ameren's intent to delay and/or Ameren's desire to force BNSF to sell the line to Ameren offer nothing new to the Board and are knowingly false. In fact, Ameren has stated it would accept BNSF's lease of the line to a different short line and Ameren understands that several short line operators have expressed interest in operating the line. In addition, once Ameren realized that KJRY proposed and BNSF supported only limited mediation, Ameren promptly assessed its options, and in the interest of moving the case forward, Ameren requested the Board to conclude this matter. Most importantly, the Board has already reminded the parties that BNSF retains the common carrier obligation for this line, thus KJRY's attempted linchpin that Central Illinois Energy is deprived of rail service is false.

Very truly yours,



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cc: All parties of record