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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Re Finance Docket No. 35016, *Rock River Railroad, LLC – Acquisition and Operation Exemption – Rail Line of Renew Energy, LLC at Jefferson, WI*

Finance Docket No. 35017, *Mark K. Smith – Continuance in Control Exemption – Rock River Railroad, Inc*

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Applicants Rock River Railroad, Inc (RRR) and Mark K. Smith (Mr. Smith) intend to file a reply in opposition to the Petition to Stay Exemptions (Petition) filed by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) on April 27, 2007.

Applicants are concerned that in view of the current time constraint for decision on the Petition (effective date of May 6, 2007), the Board may not be able to give full consideration to the reply that Applicants will file.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby voluntarily extend the effective date of the exemptions for one week, to May 13, 2007. Applicants' reply will be filed as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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