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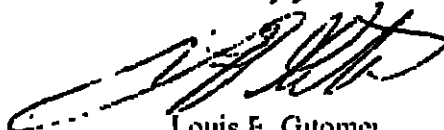
RE: Docket No. 42103, *G.F. Wiedeman International, Inc. - Petition for
Declaratory Order—Reasonableness of Demurrage Charges*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing is the response of the Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad
Company, Inc. to the Petition for Declaratory Order filed by G.F. Wiedeman
International, Inc.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

Docket No 42103

**G F WIEDEMAN INTERNATIONAL, INC -
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REPLY OF MISSOURI & NORTHERN ARKANSAS RAILROAD COMPANY, INC

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REPLY OF MISSOURI & NORTHERN ARKANSAS RAILROAD COMPANY, INC

The Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company, Inc (“MNA”), pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13(a), responds to the Petition for Declaratory Order (the “Petition”) filed by G F Wiedeman International, Inc (“GFW”) and the request to consolidate the instant proceeding with the proceeding in Docket No. 42102, *Railroad Salvage & Restoration, Inc - Petition for Declaratory Order Reasonableness of Demurrage Charges*.

MNA agrees with the request of GFW for the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) to commence a declaratory order proceeding as a matter of primary jurisdiction pursuant to the order entered on October 24, 2007 in *Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company, Inc v G F Wiedeman International, Inc*, Civ. Ct., Jasper County, MO, Case No. 07AO-CC00112, Judge David C. Dally, as attached to the Petition as Appendix 1 (the “Referral Order”). MNA also concurs in the consolidation of the two proceedings.

Contrary to the relief sought by GFW, MNA requests the Board to declare that the collection of demurrage charges would not be an unreasonable practice. MNA agrees to the adoption of the procedural schedule proposed by GFW for the consolidated proceeding. In conclusion, MNA agrees to the institution of a Declaratory Order proceeding by the Board to

address the issues presented by the Court, agrees to the consolidation of Docket Nos. 42102 and 42103, and agrees with the procedural schedule proposed by GFW

Respectfully submitted,



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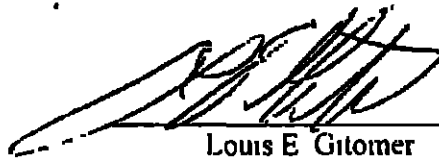
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