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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

**RE: STB DOCKET NO. AB-878, CITY OF PEORIA AND
THE VILLAGE OF PEORIA HEIGHTS, IL ADVERSE
DISCONTINUANCE—PIONEER INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY
COMPANY**

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Central Illinois Railroad Company (“CIRY”) in connection with the above-captioned proceeding.

By decisions served November 19 and December 7, 2007, the Board directed CIRY and Pioneer Industrial Railway Company (“PIRY”) to negotiate joint operating protocols covering service over the Kellar Branch owned by the City of Peoria and the Village of Peoria Heights, IL, and to inform the Board no later than Friday December 14, 2007, of any agreement.

By this letter, I am writing to advise the Board that the parties have voluntarily reached an agreement covering operating protocols. As a result, no further Board action in this matter is required. I would be happy to provide the Board with a copy of the letter agreement signed by both parties if so requested.

I am authorized to state that PIRY concurs in this letter.

CIRY appreciates the Board's assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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