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Re: Docket No. NOR-42106, *Ameropan Oil Corporation -- Petition For Declaratory Order -- Reasonableness Of Demurrage Charges*

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

In a decision served April 16, 2009, the Board extended the time to mediate the issues in the above proceeding to and including June 1, 2009.

In behalf of both parties (i.e., Ameropan Oil Corporation [Ameropan] and Illinois Central Railroad Company [IC]), this is to respectfully request that the time to mediate the issues be further extended to and including July 1, 2009.

The requested extension is justified because the parties have made progress in negotiations to resolve the issues, and there is a reasonable prospect of settlement if the mediation period is extended. On May 5, 2009, principals and attorneys for the parties met in Chicago, IL. Significant progress was made at that meeting toward resolution of matters in dispute. An extension to July 1 is required in order to allow for contemplated follow-up as to matters agreed on, or likely to be agreed on, at that meeting.

The requested extension is consistent with the Board's stated preference for private resolution of disputes.

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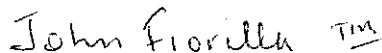
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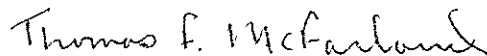
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I am authorized to state that the Board-appointed Mediator is not opposed to the requested extension.

Very truly yours,

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John Fiorilla



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