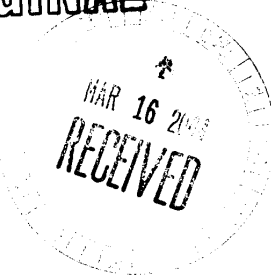


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Please be advised that I wish to speak at the April 2, 2004, hearing in Trenton, NJ. I shall be speaking on behalf of SMS Rail Service, Inc., whose President, Mr. Jeffrey L. Sutch will accompany me and be available to answer questions.

I request that I be allotted ten minutes' time.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed to permit your circulation of it. An additional copy is enclosed for you to stamp to acknowledge your receipt of it and to return to me via the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope.

If you have any question concerning the foregoing which you believe I may be able to answer or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Mr. Jeffrey L. Sutch