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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
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RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34479, Arkansas Midland
Railroad Company, Inc. - Emergency Service Order -
Line of Delta Southern Railroad, Inc.

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Delta Southern Railroad, Inc. ("DSR"), I am writing in connection with the above-captioned service order request. DSR has reached a settlement of its dispute with the Union Pacific Railroad ("UP") for lease and operation of the subject rail line known as the Warren Branch. Accordingly, DSR will be voluntarily terminating its operations over the subject line so that UP can transfer operations to the Arkansas Midland Railroad Company ("AKMD"). By this letter, DSR hereby withdraws its objection to the Emergency Service Order request filed by AKMD on February 20, 2004.

Because time is of the essence, DSR is submitting this request by facsimile transmission today as well as an original and ten copies by hand.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Heffner

Hon. Vernon A. Williams

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