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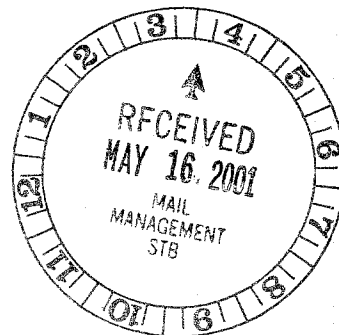
May 16, 2001

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1)
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Re: Major Rail Consolidation Procedures (STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1))

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceedings are an original and 25 copies of
(1) the Comment of the Canadian Government and (2) the Petition of the Canadian Government
for Leave to File Out of Time.

Also enclosed is a diskette containing the text of these documents in WordPerfect 8
format.

Very truly yours,

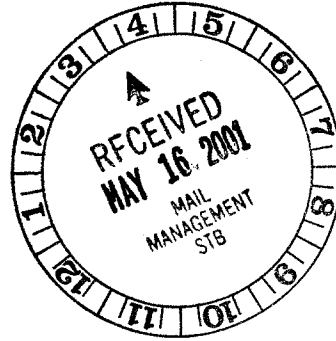
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**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO FILE COMMENTS
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA OUT OF TIME**

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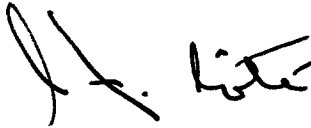
Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1117.1, The Government of Canada hereby petitions the STB for leave to file in the above-captioned proceeding the enclosed “Comments of the Government of Canada” (CDA-2).

The STB’s proposed new railroad merger regulations – and, in particular, certain provisions that would apply only to transnational consolidations – raise questions of national importance to Canada and its rail industry. The proposed regulations have been the subject of discussion within the Canadian Government since their issuance. As a result of those discussions, the Government of Canada has instructed this Embassy to file the attached Comments, which articulate Canada’s position with respect to the proposed regulations.

Copies of the enclosed Comments have been served, by first-class mail, on all parties of record in this proceeding. Interested parties have had an opportunity to address the proposed regulations for transnational consolidations in their written submissions and at the

hearing held on April 5, 2001, and many have done so. No party will be prejudiced by the Board's acceptance of the enclosed Comments.

Respectfully submitted,

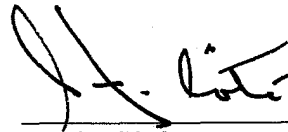
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 16th day of May, 2001, I served the foregoing Petition For Leave to File Comments of the Government of Canada Out of Time by messenger or by postage prepaid, first class mail upon all parties of record.

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Bertin Côté