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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 700
Washington, DC 20006

Re: **Finance Docket No. 34508**
Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis -- Acquisition
Exemption -- Lines of CSX Transportation, Inc.

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1150.42(e), Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis ("CERA") hereby certifies that on May 18, 2004, the attached Notice was posted at the workplace of the employees on the rail lines that CERA proposes to acquire in the above-captioned proceedings, and that on May 18, 2004 a copy of the Notice was served on the national offices of the labor unions with employees on those rail lines.

Ten copies of this letter, with attachment, are enclosed for filing at the Board. One extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Lane
Attorney for Central Railroad Company of
Indianapolis

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Attachment

May 19, 2004

**Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern Railroad (CFER),
a division of
Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis**



NOTICE TO CSXT EMPLOYEES

Pursuant to Surface Transportation Board regulations at 49 C.F.R. §§ 1150.42(e), the Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis ("CERA"), hereby provides notice to the employees of CSX Transportation Inc. ("CSXT") that it intends to lease and operate as a separate division, called the Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern Railroad ("CFER"), approximately 276 miles of CSXT's line of railroad:

1. Fort Wayne Secondary, Tolleston, IN, MP QF 441.8 to MP QF 314.0 at Adams, IN;
2. Fort Wayne Line, Adams, IN, MP QF 314.0 to Crestline, OH, MP QF 191.3 (excluding Crestline Yard);
3. Decatur Second, Adams, IN, MP QFD 86.6 to Decatur, IN, MP QFD 70.4 and
4. Spore Industrial Track, Bucyrus, OH, MP QFS 69.32 to Spore, OH, MP QFS 62.85.

Collectively referred to as "the Ft. Wayne Line," effective August 1, 2004. CSXT will retain ownership of the track, as well as the underlying and appurtenant real estate, and will lease that real estate and trackage to Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis.

As a result of the lease, CERA expects to hire approximately twenty-four (24) operating employees, one (1) carman, two (2) locomotive mechanics and two (2) track inspectors. This estimate is preliminary and is subject to modification prior to commencing operations. Employees will be provided wages and benefits comparable to those at other RailAmerica railroads. CERA will select employees on the basis of skills and aptitudes required for each position. The most qualified candidates will be selected from the available pool of applicants without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status or disability. Successful candidates must have a stable work record and demonstrate a commitment to safety and customer service. The ability to work in a team environment is critical. Successful applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screen, background check and complete a medical questionnaire, and may be required to take a physical exam.

CSXT employees interested in seeking employment with CERA should contact Mr. Mick Burkhardt at (513) 860-1000, ext. 111.