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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: FD No. 34917 – Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. – Alternative Rail Service – Central Illinois Railroad Company.

Dear Secretary Williams:

On August 31, 2006, in response to Carver Lumber Company's latest plea for relief, Central Illinois Railroad Company's attorney took the opportunity to send the Board a letter that attempts to confuse the Board and introduce more untimely, unverified and unreliable "evidence" into this proceeding.

The Board should reject this "evidence". Apart from the fact that this material is untimely and unverified, CIRY and the Cities' demonstrated lack of credibility makes this material suspect. While the letter claims that the "records show" that CIRY made deliveries "no more than two hours after receiving the car from Union Pacific," this is not what the records show. Even if we were to believe these belatedly-produced, unverified "records", they show *notification* times, not UP delivery times. It is also a matter of fact in the record that Carver routinely has to notify CIRY of UP deliveries because CIRY has no local presence.

More importantly, CIRY's poor service over the "west connection" is not at issue. The issue is the fact that CIRY refuses to comply with its common carrier obligation to operate the Kellar Branch.

The Board should not allow CIRY and the Cities to further damage Carver Lumber Company. Carver came to the Board reluctantly. Carver first patiently tested the so-called "western

connection” and found it wanting. Carver sought to work with CIRY and the Cities, but after a string of broken promises and lack of progress, Carver had no other alternative but to seek relief from the Board.

Carver’s future is in the Board’s hands. We only ask that the Board act expeditiously.

Sincerely yours,

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