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

RE: TOWN OF MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS – PETITION FOR
DECLARATORY ORDER
FINANCE DOCKET NO. 34444
REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER

Dear Mr. Williams:

By submission dated December 8, 2003 the Town of Milford, Massachusetts filed a
Petition For Declaratory Order in Finance Docket No. 34444.

The Town of Milford, Massachusetts is a "Governmental Entity" eligible for waiver of
the filing fee under 49 CFR 1002.2.

Enclosed herewith is a separate pleading formerly requesting waiver of the fee and
providing the reasons therefore.

If any further information is required please do not hesitate to advise.

Very truly yours,

Gerald M. Moody
Town Counsel

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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**



FINANCE DOCKET NO. 34444

**REQUEST OF THE TOWN OF MILFORD
FOR WAIVER OF FILING FEE**

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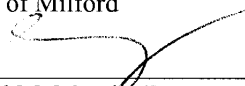
The Town of Milford is a municipal corporation situated in the County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is a "Government Entity" for purposes of 49 CFR 1002, Section 100.2.

On or about December 8, 2003 the Town of Milford, through its attorney, filed its Petition For Declaratory Order in Finance Docket No. 34444 and tendered the filing fee in the full amount of \$1400 in order that the Petition would have full expeditious treatment.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(2)(i) The Town of Milford hereby requests that the fee be waived and the \$1400 be returned to the Town. As reason therefore the Petitioner states that it would be in the public interest to waive the fee and return the funds to the Town of Milford. Cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have been adversely affected by severe reductions in local aid. Budgets in the current fiscal year had to be reduced by up to 10% resulting in laying off of teachers and other vital personnel. It is anticipated that there will be a further round of reductions in local aid for the coming fiscal year resulting in further reductions in educational personnel and public

safety personnel. Although the amount of \$1400 may seem small, every city or town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts must do all that it can in order to reduce costs. Under all of the circumstances it would be in the public interest to waive the filing fee and return the funds to the Town of Milford.

Respectfully Submitted
Town of Milford

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Dated: December 10, 2003