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Re: Ex Parte No. 657 (Sub-No. 1), Major Issues in Rail Rate Cases;
Docket No. 41191, West Texas Utilities Company v. BNSF Railway
Company; and Docket No. 41191 (Sub-No. 1), AEP Texas North
Company v. BNSF Railway Company 216 443

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced proceedings please find the Notice of Intent to Participate on behalf of AEP Texas North Company. Kindly indicate receipt and filing by time-stamping the enclosed extra copy of the Notice and returning it to the bearer of this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

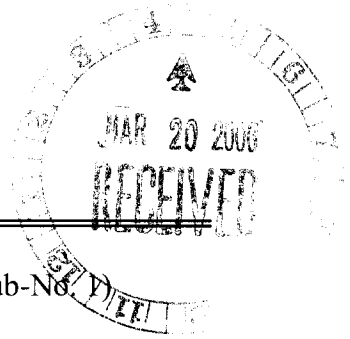
Sincerely,



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Enclosure

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



MAJOR ISSUES IN RAIL RATE CASES

Ex Parte No. 657 (Sub-No. 1)

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WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

v.

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

~~Docket No. 41191~~

AEP TEXAS NORTH COMPANY

v.

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY

Docket No. 41191 (Sub-No. 1)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

AEP Texas North Company hereby serves notice of its intent to participate in the captioned proceedings, as its interests may appear.

Respectfully submitted,

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