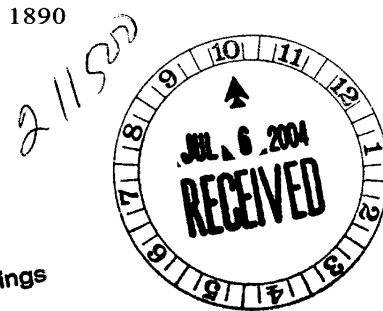


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Re: Finance Docket No. 34518, *Central Illinois Railroad Company -- Operation Exemption -- Rail Line of the City of Peoria and the Village of Peoria Heights in Peoria and Peoria Heights, Peoria County, IL*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to the first ordering paragraph on page 3 of the Board's decision in the above proceeding served July 1, 2004, Central Illinois Railroad Company hereby certifies to the Board that coordination protocols for dual operations over the Kellar Branch at Peoria and Peoria Heights, IL are in place as of the date of this letter.

Ten copies accompany the original of this certification. All parties of record are being served. Kindly acknowledge receipt by date stamping the enclosed duplicate copy of this letter and return in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

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