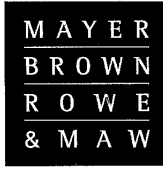


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Re: Docket No. AB-167 (Sub No. 1094)A
Chelsea Property Owners -- Abandonment --
Portion of the Consolidated Rail Corporation's
West 30th Street Secondary Track in
New York, NY

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Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of "Reply of Consolidated Rail Corporation to Motion of the City of New York for 90-Day Extension of Time." Please date-stamp the extra copy that is enclosed and return it to our representative. Also enclosed is a diskette containing the Reply in electronic format.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RMJ' followed by a flourish.
Robert M. Jenkins III

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



DOCKET NO. AB-167 (SUB-NO. 1094)A

CHELSEA PROPERTY OWNERS – ABANDONMENT – PORTION
OF THE CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION'S
WEST 30TH STREET SECONDARY TRACK IN NEW YORK, N.Y.

**REPLY OF CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION
TO MOTION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR 90-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME**

Consolidated Rail Corporation ("Conrail") replies here to the motion filed September 19, 2002, by the City of New York (the "City") seeking a 90-day extension of time to file a response to the motions filed by the Chelsea Property Owners ("CPO") and the Friends of the High Line, Inc. ("FHL") on August 14 and 16, 2002.¹ The City states in its motion that it wishes to await the results of a study it has commissioned concerning Conrail's West 30th Street line (the "Highline") before finalizing its position regarding the Highline.

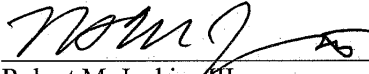
CPO has worked extensively with Conrail and with related railroad interests, with interested property owners, and with interested governmental entities – including the City – to develop a settlement agreement that, if executed and consummated as written, will satisfy the indemnification condition in the ICC's 1992 decision and permit this long-running saga to come to an end. Conrail is fully prepared to sign that agreement. While Conrail will not oppose the

¹ The City filed its request at the end of the period that the Board had already established, by order served August 29, 2002, for replies to CPO's and FHL's motions.

City's motion, Conrail wishes to stress that the interests of all parties will be served best by expeditious rulings from the Board on both CPO's and FHL's petitions.

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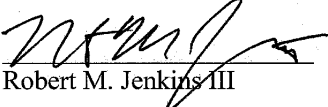
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