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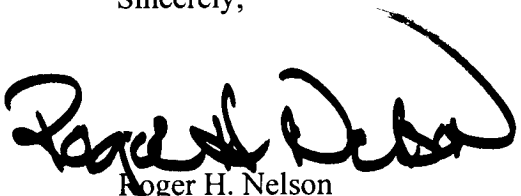
The Honorable Roger P. Nober
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Sir:

We, the owners/managers of U S RailNet Management, LLC collectively have over 80 years of railroad experience, beginning in 1970. Approximately two-thirds of that time was in a class 1 environment, the remainder was as owners and operators of shortline railroads, with trackage in 10 states. We have extensive experience in both the pre- and post-Staggers Rail Act of 1980 eras.

Based on our experiences, we can not express emphatically enough that the United States needs additional freight rail capacity and that the STB should promote a federal regulatory policy that does not inhibit the railroads from making the necessary investments to expand their rail infrastructure to accommodate forecasted demand growth.

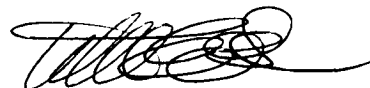
Sincerely,



Roger H. Nelson
Chief Executive Officer



Robert F. McKenney
President



William E. Glavin
Chief Operating Officer