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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 34917, *Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. -- Alternative Rail Service -- Central Illinois Railroad Company*

Dear Mr. Williams:

In response to the unauthorized filing of Carver Lumber Company (Carver) on August 30, 2006, Respondents have attached shipment records kept by Central Illinois Railroad Company (CIRY) in the normal course of business that show that CIRY is continuing to provide rail service to Carver in fulfillment of CIRY's common carrier service obligation. The shipment records cover 29 deliveries by CIRY to Carver beginning on March 11, 2006 and extending through August 29, 2006, just a few days ago.

The shipment records show that on 27 of the 29 deliveries, CIRY placed the car at Carver's facility no more than 2 hours after receiving the car from Union Pacific at Pioneer Junction (*see* entries marked "IR" for "interline received" and "PL" for "placed"). CIRY submits that in light of such consistently prompt service by CIRY, it cannot reasonably be found that CIRY "cannot transport the traffic offered to it in a manner that properly serves the public," which is essential for an order of alternative rail service under 49 U.S.C. § 11123(a).^u

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

Thomas F. McFarland
*Attorney for Central Illinois Railroad Company;
City of Peoria, Illinois; and Village of
Peoria Heights, Illinois*

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^u CIRY has shown that rail service to Carver over the Kellar Branch is unsafe because of the poor physical condition of that trackage.

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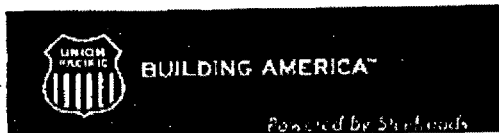
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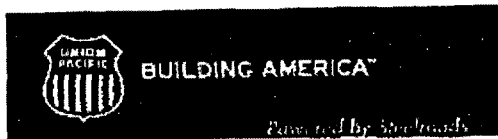
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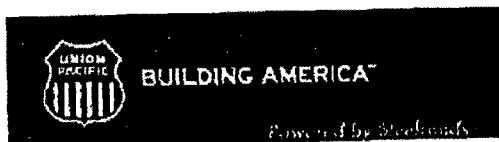
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