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RE: Petition to Revoke Notice of Exemption, Finance Docket No. 34501.

James Riffin d/b/a The Northern Central Railroad - Acquisition and Operation
Exemption - Lines of Railroad in York County, Pennsylvania, Finance Docket No.
34501.

DATE: August 30, 2004

Dear Secretary Brown:

On August 25, 2004, I received a copy of the State of Maryland's Petition to Revoke my
Notice of Exemption, Finance Docket No. 34501. Maryland's Petition requested expedited
handling.

Please be advised I plan to file an answer to Maryland's Petition within the next two
weeks. With that answer, I plan to include affidavits from individuals who have a nexus with
this Notice of Exemption. Please do not render a decision prior to reviewing the answer which I
intend to file.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

James Riffin, CEO
The Northern Central Railroad