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January 7, 2004

Hon. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street  
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RE: FD No. 34442, Maritime Rail, LLC  
-- Lease And Operation Exemption --  
Meadows Industrial Tracks

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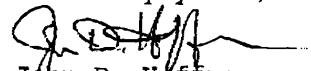
Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of Petitioner Maritime Rail, LLC, in connection with the above-captioned exemption proceeding.

On December 8, 2003, the Board served a decision extending until January 8, 2004, the effective date of this exemption in order to give interested parties an opportunity to file comments. Counsel for Consolidated Rail Corporation has asked Maritime to consent to a short extension in the effective date to permit it to submit any comments. Maritime consents to Conrail's request and asks the Board to extend the effective date to January 17, 2004, and accept any comments Conrail files on or before that date. However, Maritime asks that this extension just be limited to any filings made by Conrail.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this filing for our records.

Sincerely yours,

  
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