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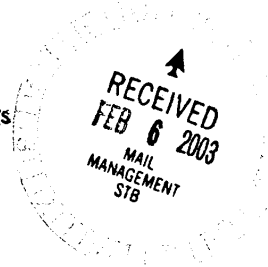
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January 27, 2003

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street Northwest
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Re: Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 5X)
*Texas Northeastern Division, Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.-Discontinuance Exemption-
in Grayson County, TX*

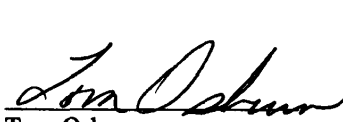
Dear Mr. Williams:

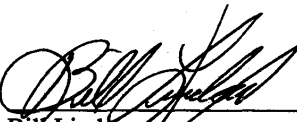
We are writing in response to the Environmental Report dated January 9, 2003, filed in the referenced docket.

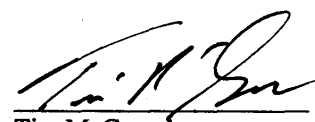
The citizens, taxpayers, and residents of the City of Sherman, Texas, the City of Denison, Texas, and all of Grayson County, Texas, have a vested interest in the disposition of the 10.51 mile rail line between Denison, milepost 662.54, and Sherman, milepost 673.05, all in Grayson County, Texas. To preserve this interest for present and future generations of stakeholders, we would like to express our unified support of securing this right-of-way, to facilitate future use and development, perhaps as a right-of-way for public rail transportation or other community benefit. We would welcome the opportunity to further describe our plans and joint interest.

We thank you for your assistance in including our response in the court's docket. Should further information or explanation be needed, please do not hesitate to contact Mayor Osburn at (903) 892-7201, Mayor Lindsay at (903) 465-2720, or Judge McGraw at (903) 813-4228.

Sincerely,


Tom Osburn
Mayor
City of Sherman


Bill Lindsay
Mayor
City of Denison


Tim McGraw
County Judge
Grayson County, Texas

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