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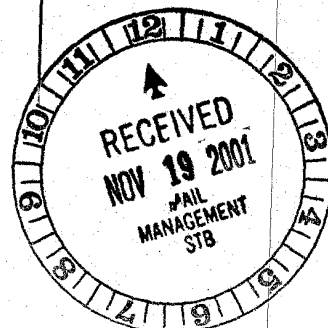
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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW (#700)
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Ex Parte No. 586, Arbitration – Various Matters Relating To
Its Use As An Effective Means Of Resolving Disputes That Are
Subject To The Board's Jurisdiction

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please enter the appearance of the undersigned on behalf of the Railway Progress Institute ("RPI") in this proceeding. RPI does not intend to submit initial written comments on the Board's proposal but wishes to reserve the right to file reply comments.

If you have any question concerning this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Matthews

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