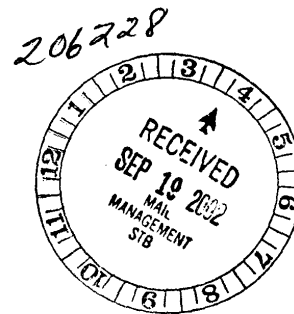


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RE: STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X), *SF&L Railway, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—In Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, and Peoria Counties, IL.*

Dear Secretary Williams:

This refers to STB Docket No. AB-448 (Sub-No. 2X), *SF&L Railway, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—In Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, and Peoria Counties, IL.*, and the Verified Petition for Exemption filed by *SF&L Railway, Inc.*, on September 3, 2002.

On page four of the Petition, the concluding sentence was inadvertently cut-off. The complete sentence should read as follows:

"Negotiations with RailAmerica, Inc., however, were prolonged and ultimately unsuccessful, Mr. Van Wagenen says in his Verified Statement, and, thus, SFL replaced TPW as the operator of the line and began itself to render service on the line, effective December 12, 2001."

Please file this letter in the above-referenced docket. Also, please date-stamp the enclosed additional copy for return to this office by messenger.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. My direct dial number is (202) 263-4152.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Darlene Evans, STB (by facsimile)