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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Secretary Williams:

The United States Department of Transportation hereby gives notice of its intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled for February 27, 2003, in the above-referenced proceeding. The undersigned will appear on behalf of the Department, and, pursuant to the Notice served February 6, requests an allotment of three minutes time at the hearing. Enclosed herewith are 10 copies of this notice, as requested by the Notice.

Sincerely,

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