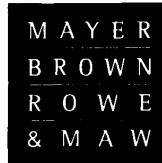


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Re: Docket No. 42060, North America Freight Car Association – Protest and Petition for Investigation – Tariff Publications of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

Docket No. 42060 (Sub-No. 1), North America Freight Car Association v. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

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Dear Secretary Williams:

On October 9, 2002, counsel for the North American Freight Car Association filed with the Board in Docket No. 42060 a "Petition for Clarification and, Alternatively, for Reconsideration; and for Resumption of Processing" and, in Docket No. 42060 (Sub-No. 1), a letter pleading seeking some of the same Board action sought in the Petition. The American Chemistry Counsel and the National Industrial Transportation League joined in the Petition and the letter pleading.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Board that The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company will timely reply to both the Petition and the letter pleading, in accordance with Rule 1104.13.

Sincerely yours,

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