

May 15, 2005

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
1925 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423



RE: WTL Rail Corporation Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief

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Dear Secretary Williams:

My name is John A. Jelaco. I am the President/CEO of Golden Eagle Express, Inc., a transportation and logistics solution provider headquartered in Pomona, CA. Golden Eagle has been in existence since the early 1980's, and as a company we have continued to weather the storm of change impacting our industry. The past years have seen increasingly high fuel costs, skyrocketing insurance costs, an increasingly slim driver supply, and other changes. I believe it benefits all of us to become involved early on with any issues that could potentially have a long-term negative impact on our business.

I have become troubled in recent months with what I have been learning/hearing about the intentions of the railroads to reduce/eliminate the railroad-controlled trailer fleet, in an effort to eventually provide service via containers only. Golden Eagle's current intermodal business is reliant on the use of rail-owned trailers - and containers cannot fill these needs. Railroad container service is historically slow as well as unpredictable. To add insult to injury, we do not see a like quantity of substitute equipment types being offered by the railroads that are restricting rail trailers on their lines.

It is my belief that the action of the BNSF (and subsequently other Class 1 railroads) in attempting to eliminate trailer service shows disregard for its common carrier responsibilities and is contrary to the public interest. I will support a petition by WTL Rail Corporation seeking to have the Surface Transportation Board immediately initiate a proceeding in this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,

John A. Jelaco
President/CEO

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cc: Richard M. Lombardo/WTL RAIL CORP.

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