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DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34335

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LA HARPE AND HOLLIS, IL

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The date to file petitions for reconsideration will be extended to November 29, 2004. Replies will be due December 18, 2004.

It is ordered:

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By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

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