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November 16, 2005

Ms. Christa Dean
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. Dean:

Please allow this letter to serve as the response requested as it pertains to the City of Keokuk's view on a rail line construction project being proposed by Roquette America, Inc.

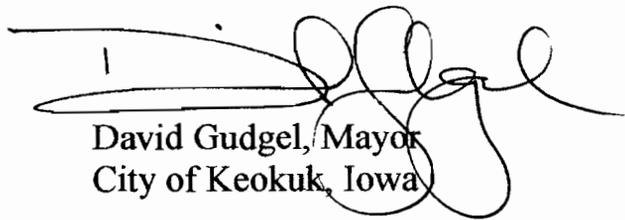
It is my belief that your request is centered on environmental concerns that the City of Keokuk, Iowa might have as it pertains to the project mentioned above.

The area in question is a primary industrial area and is zoned as such.

It is my sincere belief that there will be no environmental impact due to this project's scope and completion. Nor will there be any historical concerns involved.

Please accept this as the City of Keokuk's response to your request.

Respectfully,



David Gudgel, Mayor
City of Keokuk, Iowa

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