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March 16, 2015

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 "E" Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Fort Transfer Company – Verified Petition for Expedited Relief for Service Emergencies –
Tazewell County, Illinois – STB Docket No. FD-35914

Dear Ms. Brown:

I have been advised that the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway ("TP&W") recently ceased rail service to Morton, Illinois, without authority. This greatly concerns me, as Fort Transfer Company and Morton Buildings (the TP&W's two customers) are important industries to the community. Both have been in business a very long time, and contribute to the local economy with needed jobs and investments. Lack of rail service impairs their competitiveness and ability to do business. With spring planting about to begin, this is a particularly critical time for Fort Transfer.

Morton also has an active economic development program, aimed at bringing good jobs to the Village. Lack of rail service also impairs those economic development efforts.

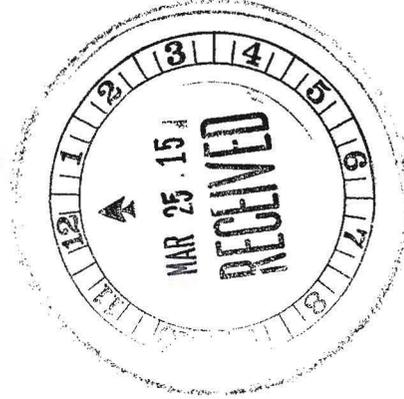
I am, therefore, on behalf of the Village of Morton, requesting that the Board grant Fort Transfer's Petition for emergency service from Keokuk Junction Railway Co., as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,



Ronald Rainson, President,
Village of Morton

cc: Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corp.
1990 E. Washington St.
East Peoria, Illinois 61611
Attn: Ross Grantham, General Manager



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I certify that I have this day served copies of the document upon all parties of record in this proceeding to the parties listed below, by placing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, postage paid, and sent to the addresses as follows:

Lakemper, Daniel A. Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc. 1318 S. Johanson Road Peoria, IL 61607
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Streeter, Richard H. 5255 Partridge Lane, N.W. Washington, DC 20016

Morton, Illinois this 31st day of March, 2015.



Julie A. Smick
Village Administrator
Morton, Illinois