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

Dear Ms. Brown:

This is to advise the Board that Keokuk Junction Railway Co. ("KJRY") is agreeable to provide the service requested by Fort Transfer Company in its request for emergency service filed today. KJRY is ready, willing, and able to meet Fort Transfer's current transportation needs in accordance with 49 CFR 1146.1(b)(iii). KJRY can provide this service safely, and in accordance with Federal Railroad Administration regulations. This service will be provided without any effect on KJRY's current service to its existing customers. KJRY has surplus motive power, which it would propose to position in Morton, Illinois. This service would not unreasonably interfere with Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway's overall ability to provide service. In fact, it will have de minimus effect on the incumbent carrier, the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway (TP&W). There is no other traffic on the Morton Branch. The Morton Branch (extending from approximately Mile Post 48.30, west of Morton, to approximately Mile Post 42.51, east of Crandall Junction) does not physically connect to the TP&W mainline. TP&W accesses the Morton Branch via trackage rights over the Norfolk Southern Railway ("NS") between East Peoria and Crandall Junction. TP&W will have to assign those trackage rights for the duration of the Service Order. In addition, KJRY will need temporary trackage rights over approximately one mile of TP&W trackage between the NS at East Peoria and the Tazewell & Peoria Railroad, the terminal switch carrier for the Peoria area, so KJRY can retrieve cars from the line-haul carrier (in the case of Fort's current movements, CN).

KJRY is willing to provide this service promptly upon Board approval of Fort Transfer's emergency service request.

Respectfully yours,


J. Michael Carr,
President.

cc: All parties of record.