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Re: Finance Docket No. 35523

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing in support of the Joint Use Application filed by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) and the Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company (LIRC).

The Ports of Indiana (POI) has considered this proposal very carefully. The advantages of improved rail service between our port in Jeffersonville, Indiana and Indianapolis are clear; the POI welcomes the significant capital investment, the greater line speeds and the increased cargo capacity. Our close look at this proposal was motivated by our need for this transaction to maintain if not improve the level of service our port currently enjoys, as well as maintain the competitive landscape, including access to multiple Class I railroads. We appreciate both the personal and written assurances from LIRC and CSX that the transaction will not reduce the level of competition so important to the port's operations and the regional economy.

The Ports of Indiana is grateful for the opportunity to share its views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Rich Cooper
Chief Executive Officer
Ports of Indiana