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By e-filing

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395 E Street, S.W., Suite 100
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Re: Docket No. NOR-42106, *Ameropan Oil Corporation -- Petition For Declaratory Order -- Reasonableness Of Demurrage Charges*

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

The mediation period in the above proceeding expired as of July 1, 2009 (*see* decision served June 1, 2009).

In behalf of Ameropan Oil Corporation (AOC), this is to request re-establishment of a 60-day mediation period. Shortly prior to expiration of the mediation period, AOC submitted a proposal to Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC). Although that proposal was not acceptable to IC, IC suggested a 60-day extension of the mediation period during which the parties would set forth their positions and discuss means to resolve differences. However, the mediation period expired before an extension could be requested and granted on that basis. This is in effect a request for a 60-day extension of the mediation period on that basis.

Counsel for AOC has discussed this request with Mediator Thomas Stilling. Mr. Stilling has indicated agreement to this request, but also stated that the mediation has been pending for long enough that this 60-day period should be the final effort to reach informal resolution of the dispute.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,

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