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**BY E-FILING**

Hon. Anne K. Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: Consolidated Rail Corporation-Abandonment Exemption-  
In Hudson County, NJ**

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

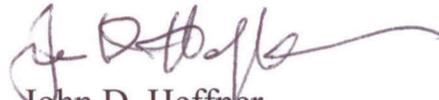
I am writing on behalf of Anthony Macrie and New Jersey Seashore Lines, Inc. ("NJSL"), in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. As you will recall, Mr. Macrie and his newly formed company, NJSL, seek Board authority in connection with the latter's operation of a line of railroad known as the Clayton Line in New Jersey. The Board has docketed those proceedings as Finance Docket Nos. 35296 and 35297, respectively.

I am writing the Board because I understand that two individuals, Eric Strohmeyer and James Riffin, offerors in the above-captioned proceeding, have submitted material in that abandonment case suggesting that NJSL and Clayton Companies, Inc., the owner of the right of way over which NJSL proposes to operate, are working with Mssrs. Strohmeyer and Riffin in some way to develop traffic. Although I cannot speak for Clayton Companies, Inc., I want to assure the Board that neither Anthony Macrie nor the two railroad entities he controls, NJSL and Cape May Seashores, Inc., have any relationship with Mssrs. Strohmeyer and Riffin. Any statement or implication by Mssrs. Strohmeyer and Riffin, that Mr. Macrie or his two companies are in any way cooperating or working with them is totally false

and the Board should strike as false and misleading any statements to that effect.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Heffner", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John D. Heffner  
NJSL counsel

cc: Mr. Eric Strohmeier  
Mr. James Riffin  
Jonathan Broder, Esq.  
Mr. Anthony Macrie