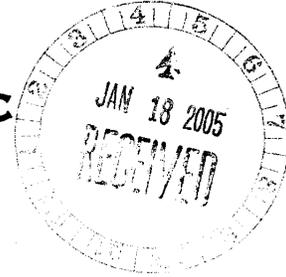


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RE: Finance Docket No. 34335
Keokuk Junction Railway Co.--Feeder Railroad Development Application
--Line Of Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation Between
La Harpe And Hollis, IL

Dear Secretary Williams:

On January 14, 2005, Keokuk Junction Railway Co. ("KJRY") filed its reply in opposition to Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway Corporation's ("TP&W") January 13, 2005 request that the scheduled January 26 closing deadline be delayed. In its reply, KJRY noted that it had been in contact with shippers who used the Line before TP&W sold it to be scrapped, and who would have used the Line since that time but for the unavailability of service and astronomically high rates of TP&W. KJRY noted that those shippers were each in the process of preparing a letter for submission to the Board expressing their support for the Board's order that the Line be sold to KJRY, and asking that the Board not allow any delay in the closing deadline. Some of those letters have now been completed and facsimile versions are attached. KJRY expects additional letters tomorrow.¹

At the time of the filing of its January 14 letter, TP&W had made no effort whatsoever to discuss closing details with KJRY and had even refused to provide KJRY with basic account information for purposes of depositing the purchase price proceeds per the Board's October 28 decision. Since the filing of the January 14 letter by KJRY, it appears that TP&W's attitude may have changed. TP&W has now provided KJRY with its account information, and yesterday, TP&W's operating personnel contacted KJRY personnel in order to plan for the transition of

¹ The Board should note that if the Board does delay the closing, which it should not, two of the shippers' also express support for KJRY's request for a directed service order in order to provide KJRY with temporary operating authority to serve the Line during the delay period.

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operations from TP&W to KJRY. TP&W's recent actions are encouraging and show that the closing can take place on time in accordance with the Board's order. Indeed, absent a Board order extending the closing date, KJRY fully plans on closing on January 26 by depositing the purchase price into TP&W's account and beginning basic inspection and rehabilitation operations over the Line in order to meet the shippers' request that they be provided service in early February.

If there are any questions about this matter, please contact me directly, either by telephone: (202) 663-7823 or by e-mail: wmullins@bakerandmiller.com. There are an original and eleven copies of this letter. Please time stamp the extra copy and return to the courier for delivery to me. Furthermore, by my signature below, I certify that I have on this date caused copies of this submission to be delivered to Louis E. Gitomer and Gordon P. MacDougall by courier, and to be served on other parties of record by first class mail.

Respectfully submitted,



William A. Mullins
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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

UNITED PAVING & CONSTRUCTION
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January 18, 2005

Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of the Board:

United Paving & Construction is a shipper on the Line between LaHarpe and Hollis, Illinois. United Paving strongly opposes any delay in the closing date for Keokuk Junction Railway's purchase of this Line from Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad (TP&W).

We have been without any service for well over two years now, and had poor service for a year before that. We welcomed the Board's decision to grant KJRY's Feeder Line Application, and were anxiously anticipating the resumption of service after Closing, January 26.

We need service, not more delays. Please order the TP&W to comply with the Board's decision and close this transaction on or before January 26, so that the uncertainty we have had to endure for so long can finally be brought to an end.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Pschirrer".

Bob Pschirrer,
President.

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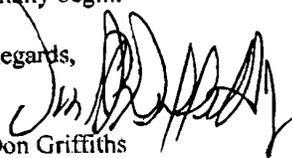
Dear Members of the Board:

Colusa Elevator Co. is a shipper on the Keokuk Junction Railway ("KJRY") at Burnside, Illinois. We want to ship over the line from LaHarpe to Hollis (Peoria), and therefore strongly oppose any delay in the closing date for KJRY's purchase of the line.

Up until a few years ago, we had TP&W service to Peoria and on to the east. Since TP&W tried to sell the Line to a scrapper, we have only had KJRY service to the west. We badly need our historic routes to the east restored. TP&W promised to provide service from LaHarpe to Hollis when they took the Line back from the scrapper over two years ago, but they never restored service. We welcomed the Board's decision to grant KJRY's Feeder Line Application, and were anxiously anticipating the resumption of service after Closing, January 26.

Colusa Elevator Co. wants and needs to ship east. TP&W should not be allowed to continue to deny us this service. Please order the TP&W to comply with the Board's decision and close this transaction on or before January 26, or at the very least, grant KJRY a Directed Service Order so that the process of restoring service can finally begin.

Regards,


Don Griffiths
VP & GM
Colusa Elevator Co.

**FARMER'S ELEVATOR OF SCIOTA
SCIOTA, ILLINOIS 61475**

January 18, 2005

Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of the Board:

Sciota Elevator is a shipper on the Line between LaHarpe and Hollis, Illinois. Sciota Elevator strongly opposes any delay in the closing date for Keokuk Junction Railway's purchase of this Line from Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad (TP&W).

We have been without any service for well over two years now. We welcomed the Board's decision to grant KJRY's Feeder Line Application, and were anxiously anticipating the resumption of service after Closing, January 26. We have entered into an agreement with KJRY, and have ordered cars for the first week of February.

We need service. TP&W should not be allowed to continue to deny us service. We urge the Board to order the TP&W to comply with the Board's decision and close this transaction on or before January 26, or, at the very least, grant KJRY a Directed Service Order so that our service can finally be restored.

Thank you,



Bill Edwards,
Manager