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BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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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:

Keokuk Junction Railway Co. ("KJRY") hereby submits copies of five letters that it has received from shippers requesting that the Board reconsider the extension of the closing deadline in this case and instead order an expedited closing. Each shipper, including Roquette America, a major shipper and former user of the Line, and Crop Production Services, a potential new user of the Line, expresses their disappointment and discouragement at the Board's decision extending the closing deadline. Each states their need to move traffic over the line as soon as possible. Accordingly, each requests an expedited closing on this sale.

An original and eleven copies of this letter and attachments are enclosed. Please time stamp the eleventh copy and return it to the courier for delivery to me. 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
Attorney for Keokuk Junction Railway Co.

Enclosures
cc: All Parties of Record



January 28, 2005

Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC

RE: Finance Docket No. 34336

Dear Members of the Board:

On October 28, 2004, the Board ruled in favor of restoring rail service to a number of shippers that are currently deprived of and/or are limited in their ability to obtain rail service. That decision--reached only after many months of analysis and consideration by the Board--required the parties to close no later than January 26, 2005.

After a delay of more than three years, shippers eagerly awaited the resumption of rail service; only to be disappointed by a 30-day delay. As a shipper who is penalized with each day of delay, we respectfully petition the Board to consider the impact on shippers and their need for rail service. While we recognize that legitimate differences do exist (and must be resolved by the Board), we believe that resolution of those items should not delay the resumption of rail service beyond the January 26, 2005 closing date.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Tibbetts
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 Manager, Logistics

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Friday, January 28, 2005

Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of the Board:

Crop Production Services, with a facility located at Ferris, IL, is a shipper/receiver on the Keokuk Junction Railway. We just recently expanded our operations in Ferris to receive receiving fertilizer shipments by rail. While we were not previously involved in the dealings involving the line from La Harpe, Illinois to Hollis, it now very much could affect our business costs. It is important that we are able to receive competitive rates and routes for the movement of our products, and service over this line will give us that option.

We want the opportunity to move rail traffic over this line and are discouraged that the Board has granted a 30-day extension for the closing, further delaying opportunities to move traffic via this route. Crop Production Services supports an expedited closing date for the sale of the line.

Regards,

Kevin Foreman,
Crop Production Services

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FROM :Colusa Elevator Co-Ferris

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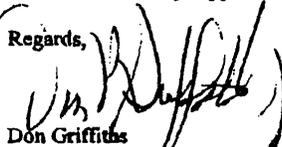
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of the Board:

Colusa Elevator Co. is a shipper on the Keokuk Junction Railway ("KJRY") with one of our elevators being located at Burnside, IL. We want to move rail traffic over the line from La Harpe, Illinois to Hollis and are very disappointed that the Board granted a 30-day extension to the closing date of the sale of the line from TP&W to KJRY.

Colusa Elevator continues to have markets made unavailable due to no rail service over the line, and we whole-heartedly support an expedited closing date for the sale of the line.

Regards,


Don Griffiths
VP & GM
Colusa Elevator Co.

**UNITED PAVING & CONSTRUCTION
29265 N. ILLINOIS RTE. 78
CANTON, ILLINOIS 61520**

January 27, 2005

Surface Transportation Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of the Board:

United Paving & Construction is a shipper on the line between LaHarpe, Illinois and Hollis, Illinois. United Paving is discouraged with the Board's decision to grant a 30-day extension on the closing date for the sale of this line by TP&W to the Keokuk Junction Railway.

United Paving has been without rail service for well over two years, and understands that some work will need to be done on the line prior to KJRY operation. United Paving still wishes to move traffic over this line and this delay in closing again pushes back the actual date that rail service will be available. As such we support an expedited closing date on this sale.

Sincerely,



Bob Pschirrer,
President

FARMER'S ELEVATOR OF SCIOTA
SCIOTA, ILLINOIS 61475

January 27, 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 is disappointed in the Board's decision to grant a 30-day extension on the closing date and strongly urges the closing date for Keokuk Junction Railway's purchase of this Line from Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad (TP&W) be as soon as possible.

Sciota Elevator continues to have traffic that needs to move by rail over the line so an expedited closing is strongly supported by Farmer's Elevator.

Thank you,



Bill Edwards,
Manager