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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34798; City of Alameda-- Acquisition
Exemption-- Alameda Belt Line

Dear Secretary Williams:

On December 9, 2005, the City of Alameda ("City") filed with the Board a Notice of Exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire Alameda Belt Line's ("ABL") line of rail between Milepost 0.0 and Milepost 2.61.

On December 14, 2005, ABL filed with the Board an Emergency Petition to Stay. After the City responded on December 15, 2005, the Board, on the same day, granted a housekeeping stay of the effective date of the exemption to allow time for the parties to provide additional information and for the Board to consider the issues presented in the stay request.

On January 17, 2006, both parties filed supplemental pleadings pursuant to the Board's Order of December 15, 2005.

Further, on January 30, 2006, the City filed with the Board a Motion for Leave to File a Reply, and a Reply. This letter is to inform you that ABL will file a response to the City's most recent pleadings. Due to the assertions made in the City's responsive pleading and voluminous nature of the exhibits attached to and referred to in City's supplemental pleading, ABL may require the full 20-day time period permitted by the Board's rules for responding.

Very truly yours,

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