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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
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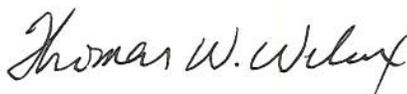
Re: Ex Parte No. 657 (Sub-No. 1) – Major Issues in Rail Rate Cases

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter please find a Notice of Intent to Participate submitted on behalf of The AES Corporation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Wilcox  
*An attorney for The AES Corporation*

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Enclosure

cc: Marc Z. Michael, Esq.

**BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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**EX PARTE NO. 657 (Sub-No. 1) - MAJOR ISSUES IN RAIL RATE CASES**

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**Notice of Intent to Participate of  
The AES Corporation**

Pursuant to the Surface Transportation Board's Decision served on February 27, 2006 instituting this rulemaking proceeding, The AES Corporation ("AES"), hereby gives notice of its intent to participate in this proceeding as a party of record. AES requests that copies of notices, decisions, comments, and pleadings in this proceeding be served on the counsel listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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