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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 34839, *Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Control and Consolidation Exemption—Algers, Winslow and Western Railway Company*

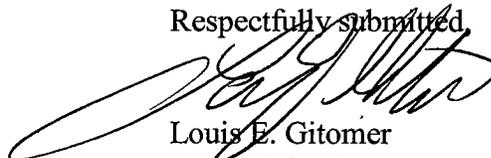
Dear Secretary Williams:

The Indiana Southern Railroad, Inc. (“ISRR”) pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1116 respectfully requests oral argument before the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) in the above-entitled matter.

ISRR, Indianapolis Power and Light Company, PSI Energy, Inc., and Solar Sources, Inc. and Solar Sources Underground, LLC have presented evidence and argument to the Board demonstrating the anticompetitive effects that will result from the proposed transaction. Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. has presented evidence demonstrating the anticompetitive effects that will result from the proposed transaction. As a direct result of the proposed transaction, coal burning electric utilities in Indiana will lose competitive options for the acquisition and transportation of coal. It is imperative that the parties be permitted to explain to the Board the need to condition the proposed transaction in order to preserve these competitive options. ISRR also believes that it is important to answer any questions that the Board may have concerning the competitive impacts of the proposed transaction and the proposed condition.

This letter is being efiled. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Parties of record