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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-878
*City Of Peoria and The Village of Peoria Heights, IL — Adverse
Discontinuance—Pioneer Industrial Railway Company*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Yesterday, Pioneer Industrial Railway Co. (“PIRY”) filed its “Reply” to the statements, evidence, and comments filed by the City of Peoria, IL, and Central Illinois Railroad Company (“CIRY”) on February 22, 2007 in this proceeding. Carver Lumber Company (“Carver”) also filed reply comments in accordance with the Board’s order of January 12, 2007, which invited Carver “to submit evidence regarding the balancing of the relative benefits and burdens under the PC&N standard.” Having reviewed Carver’s reply comments, PIRY writes to clarify a minor factual statement contained in PIRY’s Reply.

With one minor exception, Carver’s comments corroborate PIRY’s Reply and the factual statements contained therein. The one minor exception involves Carver’s past use of Union Pacific Railroad Company (“UP”) in its routings prior to the loss of service over the Kellar Branch due to CIRY’s actions. In its Reply, PIRY stated, at page 10, footnote 12, that “[p]rior to the loss of the Kellar Branch, UP was not in the routing for any Carver shipments.” This statement was based upon oral conversations between representatives of PIRY and Carver. Upon reading Carver’s reply comments, PIRY discovered that it did not quite correctly understand Carver’s prior use of UP; necessitating this clarification. Carver’s reply states that “UP was [sic] rarely appeared in any of our routings prior to our traffic being forced onto the ‘western connection.’” Accordingly, it is apparent that Carver, on rare occasion, did use UP routings prior to the loss of service over the Kellar Branch.

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While this is certainly a minor clarification of the factual record, PIRY felt it had an obligation to correct the factual record. PIRY takes seriously its representations and comments to the Board and did not want there to be any misunderstanding regarding the factual record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Mullins", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William A. Mullins

cc: Daniel A. LaKemper, Esq.
All Parties of Record