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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Re Finance Docket No 35122, Entergy Arkansas, Inc and Entergy Services, Inc – Petition for Exemption – Construction and Operation of a Line of Railroad in Independence, Jackson, and Lawrence Counties, Arkansas

Dear Ms Quinlan

On February 22, 2008, we filed on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc and Entergy Services, Inc (“Entergy”) a “Prefiling Notice” in the captioned proceeding, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. §1105.10(a)(1). Based on subsequent discussions with Board staff, we have concluded that certain aspects of that Notice require clarification. In particular,

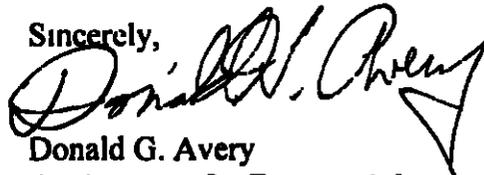
- (1) Although the Prefiling Notice was submitted to your office and addressed to the Board, Entergy did not intend thereby to suggest a departure from the Board’s regulations and customary procedures for handling prefiling notices in rail construction cases. Entergy understands that prefiling notices are handled by the Board’s Section of Environmental Analysis (“SEA”), and neither requests nor expects that its February 22, 2008 Prefiling Notice be handled by the Board itself, or by a different office of the Board’s staff.
- (2) Entergy’s Prefiling Notice included requests for preliminary determinations regarding (a) limiting the scope of the environmental analysis of “build” options to the preferred route corridor, and (b) including in the analysis of “no build” options, the possibility of upgrading existing rail lines of the Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad to handle Entergy’s coal traffic under certain circumstances. Entergy recognizes that such scoping determinations are the

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responsibility of SEA, and that SEA will require further information before making such determinations. Entergy intends to meet with SEA in the near future and to pursue these matters in the normal course. Entergy did not intend its Prefiling Notice to suggest any different procedure in this case, and more specifically, Entergy does not request that such determinations be made by the Board itself, or by any unit of the Board's staff other than SEA.

We apologize for any confusion or misunderstanding that may have resulted from the Prefiling Notice. We hope that this letter will resolve such matters, but if further clarification is needed, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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and Entergy Services, Inc.

cc: Office of Proceedings
Section of Environmental Analysis