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Chief, Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Docket No. NOR-42106, *Ameropan Oil Corporation -- Petition For Declaratory Order -- Reasonableness Of Demurrage Charges*

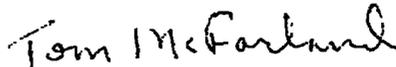
Dear Chief:

Petitioner AMEROPAN OIL CORPORATION (AOC) hereby seeks leave to withdraw the Petition for Declaratory Order that it filed in the above proceeding on March 19, 2008.

Leave to withdraw is sought because as a result of very effective mediation conducted by the Board, all matters involved in the Petition and in a related judicial proceeding have been settled between AOC and Respondent Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC).

Counsel for IC, John K. Fiorilla, Esq., joins me in praising Board Mediators Thomas Stilling and Larry Herzig. The dispute involved in the Petition was quite contentious between AOC and IC. Settlement resulted only because of diligence and perseverance exhibited by Messrs. Stilling and Herzig.

Very truly yours,



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