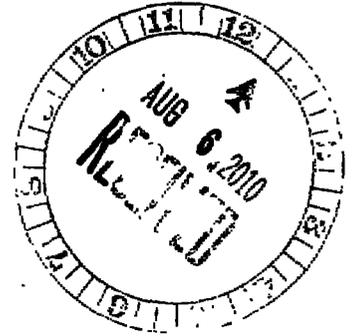




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Re: Finance Docket No. 35305, Arkansas Electric  
Cooperative Corp. – Petition for Declaratory Order  
“(Coal Dust Case)”

Dear Chairman Elliott:

At last week’s hearing in the Coal Dust Case, Board members asked whether any parties would be interested in discussing a negotiated resolution of the issues raised in the Case. The purpose of this letter is to inform the Board that the Western Coal Traffic League is interested in participating in Board-supervised negotiations, should any negotiations be initiated. Any inquires concerning this letter, which is being served on all parties of record, can be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

Duane L. Richards  
President

cc: Vice Chairman Francis P. Mulvey  
Commissioner Charles D. Nottingham  
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