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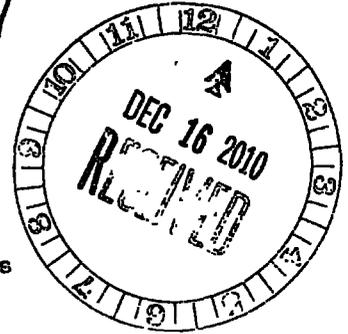
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Cynthia Brown
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Re: STB Docket MCF-21039, *National Express Corporation—Verified
Petition for Exemption—Vogel Bus Company, Inc.*

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to request that the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”) promptly issue an exemption in the above-referenced docket in order to allow the parties to close the underlying transaction as soon as possible and before December 31, 2010.

On November 24, 2010, the STB published notice of National Express Corporation’s petition for exemption in the Federal Register. See 75 Fed. Reg. 71792. The notice required that any comments on the proposed transaction be filed by December 14, 2010, and allowed National Express Corporation until December 20, 2010 to file reply comments (if necessary). Because no comments have been filed and because the transaction satisfies the legal standard at 49 U.S.C. § 13541, as set forth in the petition, it is now appropriate for the STB to issue an exemption. Indeed, National Express Corporation respectfully requested expedited consideration by the STB when it originally filed its petition on October 25, 2010.

An original and ten (10) copies of this letter are being filed with the STB and I have included one (1) extra copy for stamp-and-return to my office.

I very much appreciate your consideration of this request. Please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Michael H. Higgins
Counsel for National Express Corporation