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Office of the Secretary
Case Control Branch
Attn: STB Finance Docket 33388 - *80B 41*
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001
Attention: Elaine K. Kaiser

September 30, 1997

Dear Ms. Kaiser:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten copies of the "Environmental Verified Statement of Stephen M. Fontaine" (MCER-3). Also enclosed is a 3.5" diskette formatted for Word 7.0 containing the Statement.

Would you please date-stamp and return the extra copy of this document in the self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed? Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Howard".

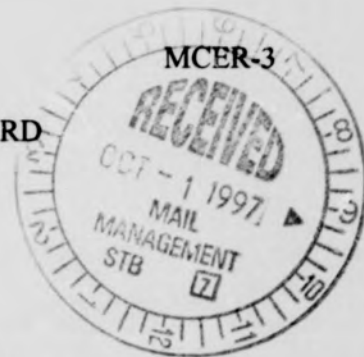
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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

FINANCE DOCKET NO. 33388

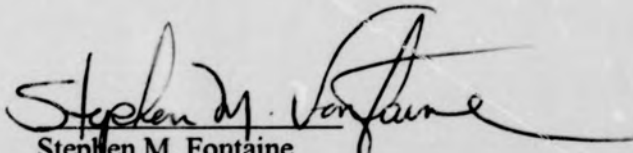


CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc.,
Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company
– Control And Operating Leases/Agreements –
Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation

SUB-No. 41

ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFIED STATEMENT OF STEPHEN M. FONTAINE

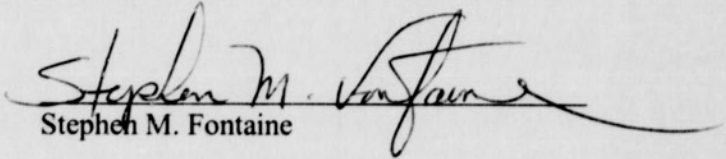
1. I am a Vice President of Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation (“MCER”) and Director of Marketing and Sales.
2. I am familiar with the “Description By Massachusetts Central Railroad Corporation of Responsive Application” (MCER-2).
3. Any responsive application which MCER may file would seek an order requiring CSX to sell to MCER a line which MCER currently leases from Conrail. In the event of such a sale, there would be no significant change in operations; rather, there would be only a change in ownership.
4. The transaction which is the subject of any responsive application which MCER may file will not, therefore, have any significant environmental impact.


Stephen M. Fontaine

Dated: September 30, 1997

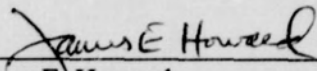
VERIFICATION

I, Stephen M. Fontaine, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this Verified Statement.


Stephen M. Fontaine

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on October 1, 1997 he served the "Environmental Verified Statement of Stephen M. Fontaine" by causing copies to be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the Parties of Record on the service list compiled by the Board and included in Decision 21 dated August 19, 1997 and on Administrative Law Judge Jacob Leventhal, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Suite 11F, Washington DC 20426.



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