The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
Room 700
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 75), 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

Dear Secretary Williams:

Applicant CSX Corporation received yesterday, September 21, 1998, a copy of a "Petition of New England Central Railroad, Inc. To Set Terms of Trackage Rights Agreement or for Clarification" filed in the above docket.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1104.13 a reply to the Petition is due within 20 days after its filing with the Board, which occurred on September 21, 1998. A reply will be filed by CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., on or before the due date, Tuesday, October 13, 1998 (the 20th day, October 11, being a Sunday and the following day being Columbus Day).

Respectfully yours,

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