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September 25, 2003

Mr. Jon C. Smith
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Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

RE: Docket No. AB-847 (Sub-No. 2X), *Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation—Discontinuance Exemption—(Between Kenneth and Winamac) in Cass and Pulaski Counties, IN*
Docket No. AB-855 (Sub-No. 1X), *A & R Line, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—(Between Kenneth and Winamac) in Cass and Pulaski Counties, IN*

Dear Mr. Smith:

Whenever a railroad seeks to abandon a line of railroad, the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") requires the railroad to consult with the state historic preservation officer under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(a). The submission to you by the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway Corporation ("TP&W") and A & R Line, Inc. ("A&R"), collectively referred to as Petitioners, was in compliance with the regulatory requirements of the Board.

Petitioners' abandonment and discontinuance of service over the 15.9-mile rail line between milepost 5.1W near Kenneth, IN, and milepost 21.0W, near Winamac, IN, the end of the line, in Cass and Pulaski Counties, IN (the "Line") will not affect any property or structures outside of the right-of-way, or any structures not owned by Petitioners.

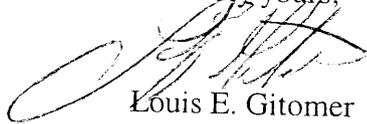
There are no depots on the Line in Winamac, Star City or Thornhope, IN. Neither A&R nor TP&W own the PCC&St. L freight house in Winamac on Logan Street, and are therefore not in a position to provide photographs. Good quality photographs of the bridge at milepost 191.0W were provided to you in the Historic Report. Please provide detailed information as to the location of other photographs of that bridge that are required.

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If you have any questions, call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Gitomer", written over the typed name.

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Railway Corporation

cc: Section of Environmental Analysis