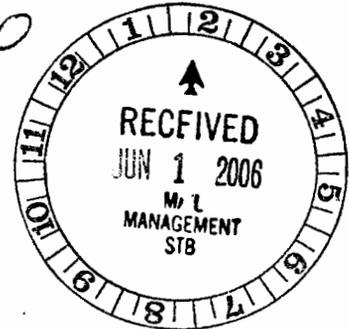




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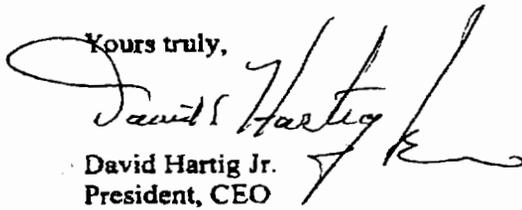
Dear Mr. Williams,

Referencing the acquisition and operation exemption of the ICE Railroad. The case number was assigned in 2002 by the Surface Transportation Board. The finance docket numbers are: 34177 and 34178.

We specifically request that the WAVER of Environmental Impact Review Study NOT BE ALLOWED for reasons relating to the health and well being of the citizens of Eastern Iowa, specifically the City of Dubuque and environs.

The period for public comment expires June 1, 2006.

Your consideration in this matter is appreciated.

Yours truly,

David Hartig Jr.
President, CEO