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Re: Finance Docket No. 35540, Mannheim Armitage Railway, LLC – Exemption – Acquisition and Operation of Certain Trackage of J. Emil Anderson & Son, Inc. in Melrose Park, Cook County, IL

Dear Ms. Brown:

In response to an inquiry from your office this afternoon, we wish to confirm, on behalf of both J. Emil Anderson & Son, Inc. and the Mannheim Armitage Railway, LLC (“Mannheim”), that implementation of the acquisition and operation described in the subject Notice of Exemption is not expected to cause any change in the volume of rail traffic moving over the subject trackage, or in the nature or frequency of rail operations.

More specifically, the only thing that will change as a result of the proposed transaction is the identity of the rail carrier providing such service to the shippers who currently receive service over the track in question – currently that carrier is the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad (“IHBR”), which operates over the trackage as private trackage, whereas after the transaction is consummated, the serving carrier will be Mannheim, operating as a common carrier. Indeed, if IHBR agrees to continue its current service as a contract operator for Mannheim, even the paint on the locomotives will remain unchanged.

Furthermore, the proposed transaction does not contemplate the construction of any new trackage or other structures, nor does it entail the alteration or removal of any

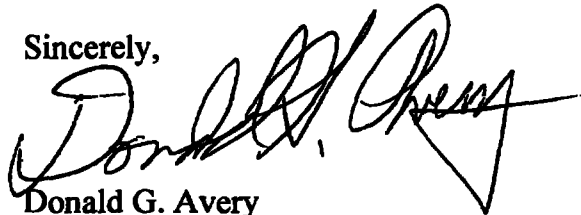
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existing trackage or other structures.

In view of the foregoing, we respectfully submit that no environmental documentation is required for the proposed transaction under 49 C.F.R. §1105.6(c), and no historic preservation report is required under 49 C.F.R. §1105.8(b)(1).

Please let us know if you require additional information or documentation in order to complete the processing of the subject Notice of Exemption. Also, please let us know if we need to provide the foregoing information in verified form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald G. Avery", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Railway, LLC