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Mr. G. W. Rogers, Chairman
Northwest Rail Improvement Committee
P. O. Box 445
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Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your most recent letter regarding the abandonment of electrification on the Milwaukee road. Members of my staff have spoken with officials within the Federal Railroad Administration within the Department of Transportation regarding this issue, and I am hopeful that there will be close examination of it by DOT. Furthermore, it seems to me that it would be highly unlikely that the Milwaukee road could qualify for any allocation of fuel oil to replace electrical operations which were conducted during the base period. I would suggest that it might be productive for you to contact the Federal Energy Office located in Seattle in order to find out whether or not the Milwaukee is applying for increased fuel allocations and to point out the obvious fuel savings inherent in continued use of electrical propulsion facilities.

I am enclosing a report on S. 1149, the Rolling Stock Financing and Utilization Act. This measure has now passed the Senate, and I am working for companion legislation in the House of Representatives. It would be most helpful if you could write to your elected representatives, urging action on companion legislation.

Thank you very much for your concern with the public interest, and with improved rail transportation.

Sincerely yours,


WARREN G. MAGNUSON
Chairman

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Enclosure

*Received Jan. 26 '73
Enclosure was omitted.
Requested in reply Jan. 27.
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