

LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name The Carmen Group, Inc.	
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1299 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington Suite 800 West DC 20004	
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____	
4. Contact Name Michael E. Russell	Telephone 202-785-0500 Email (optional) _____
5. Senate ID # _____	
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL COMMUTER RAILROAD CORP	6. House ID # 32029051

8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report >> Termination Date _____

11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p align="center">12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>\$160,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000 of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p align="center">13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature  Date 2/14/01

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Client Name: NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL COMMUTER RAILROAD CORP

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code TRA (one per page)

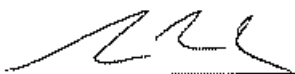
16. Specific Lobbying issues
**H.R. 4844, Railroad Retirement & Survivors Improvement Act,
S.2720, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
H.R.4475, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
Train Whistle Rulemaking**

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
**Department of Transportation
House of Representatives
Senate**

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Carmen, David		No
Keene, David		No
Kunz, David		No
Jemott, Diane		No

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

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