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Meeting under Section 5, STB Reauthorization Act

Feb. 8, 2016

Present: Chairman Elliott
Vice Chairman Miller
Commissioner Begeman
General Counsel Keats

Topic: Ex Parte No. 724 (Sub-No. 4)

Summary of the Matters Discussed, Prepared by General Counsel Craig Keats:

Chairman Elliott proposed this meeting to discuss the rulemaking regarding data collection from the railroads (EP 724 Sub-No. 4). The Members discussed the following matters:

- The ex parte meetings that were held with stakeholders;
- burdens vs. the utility associated with some of the more “granular” data requests that were discussed at the ex parte meetings and in comments;
- whether the members would consider not going forward with some of the more granular information requests;
- whether possible new data requests that staff has discussed could fill the gaps if some of the more granular requests are not put forward;
- how to ensure that all relevant commodity groups and types of service are adequately covered by the information requests;
- stakeholder views about commodities, services, and particular data requests;
- how carriers might report on their infrastructure projects;
- how to move the proceeding forward, including anticipated further discussions with staff about the proposed data requests.