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Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. Ex Parte 670 (Sub-No.2)
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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RE: Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) Vacancy

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is written in support of the nomination of Robert R. Hardman, P. E., Vice President – Coal Supply with Dynegy, to fill the RETAC vacancy for a representative of the electric utility industry in conjunction with the Surface Transportation Board’s notice of September 1, 2015 in Docket No. Ex Parte 670 (Sub-No.2).

My recommendation of Mr. Hardman for this position is made on the basis of his extensive utility industry experience, his emphasis on building constructive, inclusive relationships throughout the coal supply chain, and his demonstrated industry leadership. Mr. Hardman’s current role with Dynegy and previous role with Southern Company includes responsibility for managing large coal and transportation procurement programs. This responsibility involves the movement of tens of millions of tons of coal each year for many power plants located in multiple states in the U.S. Most of these power plants receive coal by rail. In the course of his work, Mr. Hardman is closely engaged with coal suppliers, major Class I railroads, other transportation and logistics providers, and various companies providing related support services.

Mr. Hardman’s involvement within the coal supply chain is exemplified by his active participation on the Board of Directors of the American Coal Council (ACC). The ACC is a business trade organization engaged in coal sector education, networking, and advocacy. We are among the largest coal trade associations and represent the collective business interests of the American coal industry. Our member companies span the entire coal supply chain – coal suppliers, consumers, traders, transporters, and support services providers. ACC provides

educational programs, advocates for coal as an economic, abundant and environmentally sound fuel source, and serves as a resource for industry, policy makers, and public interest groups. Mr. Hardman is currently President of the ACC, and has served in numerous other ACC roles including President-elect and Treasurer. His vision, leadership, and many contributions have advanced our programs and services in support of coal. Mr. Hardman has spoken at many ACC events, and he has frequently addressed other industry conferences as well. He is a well-recognized industry leader.

On the basis of all of the above, Mr. Hardman would bring extensive industry experience and valuable perspective to the RETAC, and I recommend him for the current utility vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy B. Monseu". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Betsy B. Monseu
CEO, American Coal Council