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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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RE: STB Ex Parte No. 665 (Sub-No.1), Rail Transportation of Grain, Rate Regulation Review

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Board's notice served April 29, 2015 in the above-captioned proceeding, this is to inform the Board that John H. Miller, Group Vice President for Agriculture will be appearing for BNSF Railway Company in the hearing scheduled for June 10, 2015. We ask that that Mr. Miller be allotted 20 minutes to address the Board. He will be accompanied by Jill Mulligan, Associate General Counsel, Regulatory, who may also answer questions from the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard E. Weicher".

Richard E. Weicher

**STB EX PARTE NO. 665 (Sub-No. 1)
RAIL TRANSPORTATION OF GRAIN, RATE
REGULATION REVIEW**

**OUTLINE OF TESTIMONY OF
JOHN H. MILLER, BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY**

- The grain markets served by BNSF are highly competitive. Grain shippers on BNSF enjoy numerous competitive options, including other railroads, trucks, barges and extensive geographic competition.
- This competition with BNSF-served grain markets has resulted in reasonable and competitive rail transportation rates, and helps explain the lack of unreasonable rate complaints filed at the STB regarding grain rates.
- The focus for BNSF grain shippers has been on the efficiency of the supply chain and the availability of capacity. BNSF has been an industry leader in innovating and investing to meet these expectations.
- BNSF works with grain shippers to assist them in taking advantage of domestic market opportunities and to access international market opportunities.
- BNSF does not believe that the current STB rate reasonableness standards should be modified in the ways that have been proposed in this proceeding.