

February 5, 2016

The Honorable Daniel R. Elliot, III
Chairman
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The Honorable Deb Miller
Vice Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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The Honorable Ann D. Begeman
Commissioner
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RE: Notice of Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancy

Dear Chairman Elliot, Vice Chairman Miller, and Commissioner Begeman:

As CEO of OmniTRAX, Inc. and its family of 19 Class III freight railroads I submit the nomination of **Mr. David Arganbright** to serve on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) as a small railroad representative.

Dave currently serves as Vice President of Government Affairs for our Denver, CO based company. Dave is a career railroad professional with 30 years of multi-disciplinary experience. Prior to joining OmniTRAX, Dave served in a similar capacity at the short line railroad holding company RailAmerica until its acquisition by Genesee & Wyoming in 2013.

Before his career in short line railroading, he held positions of increasing responsibility in operations, strategic planning and business development at the national passenger railroad, Amtrak where he managed Amtrak's Mail & Express service program, including customer and freight carrier relations.

His career included a nine year association with the Class I freight railroad, Conrail, where he held various positions in marketing and sales and then corporate strategy, including responsibility for managing Conrail's automotive marketing & sales group. Dave began his career as a trainmaster and then dispatcher for the Norfolk and Western Railway, and Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway, respectively.

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Dave holds an undergraduate degree in Business Management from Indiana University, and a Master's in Business Administration degree from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He also holds a professional certification in Transportation and Logistics (CTL) from the American Society of Transportation and Logistics.

In his current assignment, he is charged with overseeing and directing relations between OmniTRAX and State and Federal governments, with a focus on developing public-private partnerships designed to provide infrastructure assistance to short line and regional railroads. In this role Dave also works to develop rail customer relations and partnerships that enable customers and railroads to work cooperative in pursuit of infrastructure grant and loan opportunities that are mutually beneficial. Dave's supervisory role does not meet the thresholds for registration as a federal lobbyist subject to the Lobby Disclosure Act as amended, and so consideration of restrictions to serve on advisory committees should not be an issue.

Dave is regularly in Washington, DC and based in Philadelphia, PA. Because of his proximity and familiarity with Washington he should have little trouble in attending the meetings of the RSTAC.

I believe that Dave's experience as a small railroader, a Class I railroader, a passenger railroader, and a railroader focused on the needs and challenges facing railroad customers favorably recommends him to provide valuable input to the STB, the Department of Transportation and the Congress on railroad-transportation policy issues. I urge your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,



Kevin Shuba
Chief Executive Officer