

Logistics and Supply Chain
(734) 529-4160
tom.giovinazzi@holcim.com



Holcim (US) Inc
201 Jones Road
Waltham MA 02451
www.holcim.us

231368

November 30, 2011

Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Vice Chairman Ann D. Begeman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Commissioner Francis P. Mulvey
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 3)
Rail Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC)

ENTERED
2011 NOV 30 11:00 AM
PART OF
PUBLIC RECORD

Dear Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman and Commissioner Mulvey:

The Surface Transportation Board ("Board") issued notice in its decision in Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 3), dated October 18, 2011, that the Board was seeking nominations for candidates for membership on the Rail Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) to fill several vacancies.

I would like to submit my name as a candidate for membership on RSTAC as a small shipper representing Holcim (US) ("Holcim"). Below is a brief description of Holcim's operations as well as my qualifications for serving on RSTAC.

Holcim is a leader in the domestic construction materials industry, capable of producing more than 13.5 million tons of cement and cementitious products annually. Holcim has more than 1,800 employees and approximately \$1 billion in annual revenue. Over the last decade, we have invested in excess of \$2 billion to upgrade and expand our U.S. facilities, including a significant investment in our new greenfield plant in St. Genevieve County near St. Louis, Missouri. Holcim serves customers in 44 states through a network of 15 production facilities and 63 distribution terminals. In 2010, roughly 6.5 million tons of cement moved from our manufacturing facilities to our terminals for final distribution to customers; 40 percent of that volume was transported by rail. Additionally, Holcim relies extensively on rail for the delivery of

critical raw materials and energy feedstocks to our facilities to feed their continuous operations.

I have been involved in transportation and rail issues for 35 years, and am currently Manager Rail Services for Holcim. I spent the first 20 years of my career with the Penn Central Transportation Company and later the Consolidated Rail Corporation in various operational capacities including Train Dispatcher, Trainmaster, and Manager Train Operations. I subsequently transitioned to shipper operations where I have nearly 15 years of experience in rail services, fleet management, and logistics within the automotive, electric utility, and construction material industries. Having worked for rail carriers and shippers alike, I am intimately familiar with the complexities of both providing rail service and supplying products to the marketplace, and I have an appreciation of the challenges faced by all parties.

I believe my experience in rail operations and logistics will be of value to the Board as it seeks input regarding rail transportation policy issues. If appointed to RSTAC, I am committed to serving and providing guidance and advice to the members of the Board for the term in question.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Giovinazzi", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Giovinazzi
Manager Rail Services