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RE: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 6)
Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC)

Dear Chairman Elliot, Vice Chairman Miller and Commissioner Begeman:

Please accept this correspondence as my submittal of interest for one of the two vacancies for small railroad representative on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. I currently serve as President of the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority, a regional railroad authority which owns a 100 mile regional rail system that provides common carrier rail service to approximately 25 active industries by our designated common carrier Class III rail carrier, the Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad in Northeast Pennsylvania.

The PNRRA and its predecessors, the Lackawanna County Railroad Authority and Monroe County Railroad Authority, were the "safety net public entities" that were able to save and preserve these rail lines in the dark days of the 1980's and 1990's when the other private rail carriers (i.e. Conrail, Guilford Transportation Industries, et al.) were abandoning and liquidating this trackage in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The most profound accomplishment of our 30 year efforts in saving this threatened trackage from liquidation has been the growth in carloadings which increased from 393 in 1985 to 7086 in 2013.

Before my 30 year career with the Rail Authorities in Northeastern Pennsylvania I served for the New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad in Cooperstown, NY as General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary. I also worked for the United States Railroad Administration upon my graduation from law school. Starting in 1970, during my summers while in college I worked as a yard clerk for the Delaware & Hudson Railway and the Erie Lackawanna Railway

I would finally respectfully offer my 20+ years of experience as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Rail Freight Advisory Committee which is a unique advisory committee in Pennsylvania that provides advice, recommendations and guidance to the Governor, PA Department of Transportation and the Legislature of Pennsylvania on matters involving rail freight in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Many of the issues this committee addresses relates to small railroad issues. I was originally appointed by Governor Casey in 1989 to this body and since that time I have been reappointed by three subsequent Governors. It is especially interesting to note that the Rail Freight Advisory Committee is a 24 member committee which is comprised predominately of railroads, shippers and government officials in Pennsylvania.

I herewith respectfully offer my 45 years of rail and transportation experience in the hope of being a productive and responsive small railroad representative member of the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council in order to assist and add value to the STB's vital mission with respect to rail transportation policy issues. I am willing and able to serve as a member of the RSTAC effective immediately upon appointment.

I thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to provide any further information you may require.

Sincerely,



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