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Surface Transportation Board
ATTN: STB Ex Parte No. 705
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Ex Parte No. 705 Competition in the Railroad Industry

The Chlorine Institute, Inc. (CI) is a 200-member, not-for-profit trade association of chlor-alkali producers worldwide, as well as packagers, distributors, users, and suppliers. The Institute's mission is the promotion of safety and the protection of human health and the environment in the manufacture, distribution and use of chlorine, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide and sodium hypochlorite, plus the distribution and use of hydrogen chloride. The Institute's North American Producer members account for more than 98 percent of the total chlorine production capacity of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

This is a notice of intent to participate by The Chlorine Institute, Inc. in the hearing announced by the Surface Transportation Board in a Federal Register Notice dated February 4, 2011 and scheduled for June 22, 2011. We request that Ms. Sharon Piciacchio, Vice President of Chlor-Alkali Marketing, Services and Cal Hypo and the Chairperson of the Chlorine Institute's Board Committee on Rail Issues, be granted 5 minutes to provide comments on behalf of the Institute on the subject.

Ms. Piciacchio's comments will cover information about the important role of chlorine in the US economy and in maintaining the health and safety of the American public. She will provide background regarding the chlorine industry's experience and issues with drastically increasing rail rates. Ms. Piciacchio will discuss the vital role that competition in the railroad industry has to enable the chlorine industry to help continue fueling the US economy and protecting public health and safety.

Your favorable action on this request will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Frank Reiner
President
The Chlorine Institute

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