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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 575]

Review of Rail Access and Competition Issues

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Convening of conference.

SUMMARY: A conference will be held on May 21, 1998, to address certain issues related to rail access and competition.

DATE: May 21, 1998.

ADDRESS: Federal Regulatory Energy Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Administrative Law Judge Jacob

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 17, 1998, the Surface Transportation Board issued a decision addressing issues that had been raised concerning rail access and competition in today's railroad industry. Among other things, the decision directed railroads to meet with shippers, under the supervision of an Administrative Law Judge, to discuss issues relating to "revenue adequacy" and "competitive access." An initial conference was

held on April 28, 1998. A further conference will be held on May 21, 1998, in a hearing room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C.

Decided: May 4, 1998.

By the Board, Jacob Leventhal, Administrative Law Judge.

Vernon A. Williams

Secretary