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

Re: Dennis Rackers nomination for Vacancy on RETAC

Dear Chairman Elliott:

I am writing to support the nomination of Dennis Rackers for the open RETAC seat as a representative of the electric utility industry. Dennis is currently NIPSCO's Director of Fuels & Material Management.

Dennis has worked in the industry for many years dealing with the types of problems that electric utilities face when shipping coal and emission control reagents by rail. Dennis has participated in Surface Transportation Board proceedings in the past and is familiar with the workings of the agency.

I have known Dennis for approximately 20 years and I believe he would do a great job in this capacity. He has the skills, knowledge and ability to work with others that is needed for this position.

If there are any questions I could answer feel free to contact me at 501-912-0728.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharp