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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



Ex Parte No. 726

ON-TIME PERFORMANCE UNDER SECTION 213 OF THE PASSENGER
RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

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REPLY COMMENTS

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Samuel J. Nasca,^{1/} for and on behalf of SMART/Transportation Division, New York State Legislative Board (SMART/TD-NY), submits these reply comments in response to submissions made in response to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) decision soliciting initial comments.

There is little to add to the suggestions already advanced by the large number of comment to the Association of American Railroad (AAR) petition for rulemaking, such that repetition by SMART/TD-NY at this time would likely not prove productive. Railroad employees are in full support of relief for Amtrak improved operations and expansion.

The initial SMART/TD-NY comments (Feb. 8, 2016) pointed out that over 250 public filings had been received by the STB in this

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proceeding. However, it appears that the official record indicates only about 110 comments to the AAR petition and subsequent STB decisions. On investigation, it may be observed that at least 215 additional comments filed with the Board in this proceeding have not been posted. It is noted that many of these missing public submissions are to be found behind I.D. No. 240012, filed February 5, 2016. Accordingly, the Board should recognize the extensive interest in this proceeding, as indicated by over 325 public comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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