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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. EP 724, *United States Rail Service Issues*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Notice of Public Hearing served on April 1, 2014, the Association of American Railroads ("AAR"), on behalf of its member representatives on the Chicago Planning Group ("CPG"), hereby provides this notice of CPG's intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled in this proceeding on April 10, 2014.

The CPG will be represented by one of its co-chairmen, Mr. Jeffrey Harris. A time of ten minutes is requested for Mr. Harris's testimony.

If the Board establishes panels of witnesses for the hearing, the AAR requests that the CPG be placed on a panel with the following Class I railroads that have requested to testify: Canadian National Railway Company, CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and Union Pacific Railroad Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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