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Re: *Ex Parte No. 670 (Sub-No. 2), Notice of Rail Energy
Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached please find a letter for your consideration nominating me to serve as a member of the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee ("RETAC").

I would like to confirm that I am willing to serve on the committee and that I am not currently a federally-registered lobbyist.

I would appreciate your consideration for the committee.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. D. Werner".

Mark D. Werner
Director - Fuels



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Dear Ms. Brown:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Mark D. Werner to serve as a member of the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee ("RETAC").

Mark is a leading expert on the transportation of coal by rail owing to his nearly 30 years of service to CPS Energy, one of the nation's largest municipally-owned utilities, which services the electric and natural gas needs of San Antonio, Texas. Mark joined CPS in 1984, and he has served in a variety of positions, including Director of the Fuels Division. In his Director role, Mark is responsible for the rail transportation contracts that supply over eight million tons of PRB coal to CPS Energy's JT Deely and JK Spruce electric generating stations. Mark also manages CPS Energy's fleet of nearly 1,700 owned and leased rail cars.

Mark's invaluable rail industry experience is augmented by his active participation in industry groups, including the American Public Power Association, the Large Public Power Council, the American Public Gas Association, and the Society for Mining and Exploration.

RETAC was established by the Board to focus on major rail transportation issues of the day, especially service and infrastructure issues. I understand that RETAC consists of a balanced cross-section of rail service providers and major shippers. I can think of no better person than Mark Werner to serve on the Committee, and I have full confidence that his experience and expertise will benefit the open and frank discussion of major issues facing the industry.

I recommend Mark Werner to be nominated to RETAC, and commend him to your favorable consideration. I have attached a copy of Mark's biography, as well as a

summary of some of Mark's major activities and accomplishments in the rail industry over the years.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cris Eugster".

Cris Eugster
Executive Vice President
Chief Generation & Strategy Officer

Mark Werner, Director – Fuels, CPS Energy

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Mark Werner directs the Fuels Division of CPS Energy, the municipally owned utility serving the electric and natural gas needs of San Antonio, Texas. The group provides fuel and natural gas price hedging for the community's natural gas distribution system and 23 generating units including units fueled by coal, nuclear fuel, oil and natural gas in concert with a large renewable energy portfolio for over 700,000 customers.

Mark joined Exxon in 1980 to conduct mine and reclamation plans at their Felder uranium operations in Three Rivers, Texas and reclamation planning for the Highland mine and tailing pond in Douglas, Wyoming. He joined the CPS Energy's Fuels Division in 1984, initially focused on lignite property development. His responsibilities have included all fuel supply arrangements including domestic and overseas coal, rail, gas, oil and nuclear fuels. Projects have included conveyor design and construction, pipeline project management, electric load estimation, generator dispatch, wholesale sales of power to other utilities and municipalities, management of the Joint Operations Agreement with Texas Genco Inc., and the investigation of new nuclear generation.

Mark directs rail contracts at CPS Energy to fuel the JT Deely and JK Spruce plants consuming over 8 million tons of PRB coal each year from a common stockpile. The railcar fleet includes nearly 1700 owned and leased railcars. CPS Energy employs a contract unloader to operate and inspect trains at the plant site and operates an in-house railcar maintenance shop including a wheel shop.

Mark earned a Bachelor Degree in Mineral Engineering from the University of Minnesota, Institute of Technology. He has continued his formal education completing the Masters program in Management of Technology from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is registered as a professional engineer in Texas and Wyoming. He is past president for the Western Coal Traffic League and is active with the American Public Power Association, American Public Gas Association, Large Public Power Council, and the Society for Mining and Exploration.

Mark and his wife of 28 years, Debbie, live in New Braunfels, Texas and have two children. Luke recently graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in Commercial Aviation where he currently works as a flight instructor. Katelyn is a senior at Abilene Christian University studying English and Biochemistry.

Mark serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors of Boysville, a group children's home, and participates in the Optimist Club of San Antonio.

November 20, 2013