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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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RAIL TRANSPORTATION OF GRAIN, RATE REGULATION REVIEW

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE MICHIGAN AGRI-BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA) hereby provides notice pursuant to the Decision served in this proceeding on May 8, 2015, that it desires to participate in the public hearing to be held on June 10, 2015. The MABA's presentation will be made by James E. Byrum, President of MABA. MABA represents approximately 95% of the commercial grain industry in Michigan, including grain elevators as well as feed and renewable fuels companies.

The MABA requests that the Board allot a total of 10 minutes for MABA's presentation, with 5 minutes of the total time reserved for rebuttal, if it is permitted by the Board. As for the key points the speaker will present:

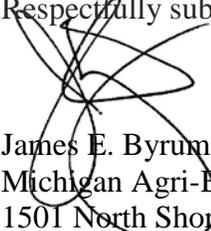
Testimony on some of the practical market impacts on shippers and agricultural producers from current Class I (one) railroad rate setting practices in the absence of effective rate review rules.

Long term impact of Class I (one) railroad rate practices on short line railroads and overall transportation infrastructure in rural Michigan.

MABA also apologizes for the late filing of this notice and asks for the Board's consideration of this request.

Finally, given previously existing schedule conflicts for Mr. Byrum, MABA respectfully requests that its testimony be scheduled for June 11 rather than June 10 if at all possible. We appreciate the Board's indulgence in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,



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