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Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Washington, DC 20423

RE: Docket No. EP-526-03 Rail Shipper Transportation Advisory Council

Dear Chairman Elliott:

I would like to submit myself for consideration to fill a vacancy on the Rail Shipper Transportation Advisory Council. While Alstom is a large corporation, our rail shipments are not at a high level, so this request would be for the small shipper position.

Alstom Power is a provider of various power generation equipment and plants. Certain components required specialized rail transportation, either direct from a manufacturing facility, or from/to a port. For the products in our division, I am directly involved as a shipper of dimensional product on the North American rail network. I have been working with the specialized rail industry for over 15 years, currently with Alstom, and prior, with the General Electric Company.

In addition to my responsibilities at Alstom, I sit as a Director on the board of the Railway Industrial Clearance Association, which is a professional organization with membership involved in the movement of cargo in the dimensional rail and support industries.

As the United States looks at the infrastructure needs in areas such as energy, the movement of dimensional cargo on rail is an important aspect of this activity. Dimensional rail shipments present many challenges that are encountered by shippers and railroads alike, as this cargo is a variation from standard cargo moved over the network. As the economy and rail traffic recovers, and initiatives such as passenger rail continue, further pressure on dimensional shipments and clearance corridors will increase.

A shipper's perspective in this area of the rail industry would be a good addition to the Advisory Council. While dimensional rail shipments are a relatively small percentage of the rail traffic in the United States, the projects and cargo that are supported by the rail system are important to the economy and infrastructure of the country. I would look forward to being a participant in the councils activities representing the dimensional and specialized shipments from Alstom and the industry, and my intentions would be to do so for the term of the appointment.

Best Regards,

Mark Lockwood  
Manager, Transportation and Logistics