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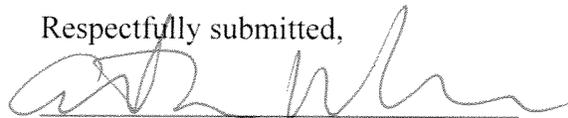
PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO ADOPT REVISED
COMPETITIVE SWITCHING RULES

RESPONSE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS
TO REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On September 27, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) filed a request to delay the procedural schedule for the filing of opening evidence in this proceeding from November 23, 2012 until March 1, 2013. The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) filed a petition on October 3, 2012, joining in USDA's request for an extension and also asking that the Board make reply evidence due on May 30, 2013.

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) intends to file evidence in this proceeding. The AAR, however, does not object to either request for an extension of time for all parties to file opening evidence if USDA and NITL require additional time.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have, this 9th day of October, 2012, served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties of record listed on the Board's service list for this proceeding by first class mail.



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