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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 704 (Sub-No. 1)  
Review of Commodity, Boxcar, and TOFC/COFC Exemptions

Dear Ms. Brown:

On March 23, 2016, the Board issued a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NPRM") seeking public comment on its proposal to revoke the existing class exemptions under 49 C.F.R. Part 1039 for crushed or broken stone or rip rap; hydraulic cement; coke produced from coal; primary iron or steel products, and iron or steel scrap, wastes or tailings. The Board also invited interested parties to file comments regarding the possible revocation of other commodity class exemptions. By decision served on May 6, 2016, the Board extended the deadline for the filing of initial comments to July 26, 2016.

In accordance with the Board's decisions in this sub-docket, Kansas City Southern ("KCS"), which has previously participated in the main docket in this proceeding, writes to express its support for the comments being filed today by the Association of American Railroads. KCS will review the comments filed by others in this sub-docket and will file appropriate reply comments on August 26, 2016 as KCS' individual interests may appear.

If there are any questions, please contact me by telephone at (202) 663-7823 or by e-mail at [wmullins@bakerandmiller.com](mailto:wmullins@bakerandmiller.com).

Sincerely,



William A. Mullins

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