

September 16, 2014

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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

Dear Ms. Brown:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Kevin J. Larkin to serve as a member of the Surface Transportation Board's Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee ("RETAC").

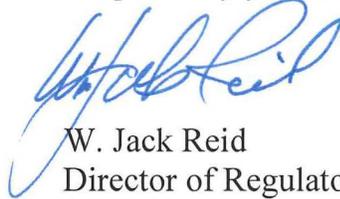
Kevin is a leading expert on the transportation of coal by rail owing to his nearly 34 years of experience in the industry. Kevin started with ANR Coal in 1980, spent 11 years with Alliance and Mapco Coal from 1988-1999, and then served as General Manager, Fuel Services and Transportation for FirstEnergy Corp. from 1999-2005. Kevin is currently the Vice President of Market Services and Transportation for Alliance Coal, LLC and has served in this position since March, 2007.

Kevin's invaluable rail industry experience is augmented by his active participation in trade organizations, and he presently serves on the Transportation Committee of the National Mining Association. Previously, Kevin has served as the Director for both the Waterways Council, Inc. and the National Coal Transportation Association. He also served as President of the Eastern Coal Transportation Association and facilitated its partnership with the Western Coal Transportation Association to form the National Coal Transportation Association.

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 Kevin J. Larkin 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 highly recommend Kevin J. Larkin to serve as a member of RETAC, and commend him to your favorable consideration. Please reference Kevin's biography that was filed with the Board on September 5, 2014, which provides a summary of some of Kevin's major activities and accomplishments in the rail industry over the years.

Respectfully yours,



W. Jack Reid
Director of Regulatory Affairs
Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.